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MORE SHIPS COMMANDEERED. LARGE CHINESE TROOP MOVEMENTS.

SAILORS CLASH WITH PICKETS AT KIUKIANG.

BRITISH LABOUR VIEWS.

Warlike preparations in different parts of the Yangtze constitute the main feature of the news received in the Colony this morning. Steamers of all nationalities, except British and American, have been commandeered for the conveyance of troops, and British and American ships have only been immune from the outrages, by taking necessary measures.

At Kiukiang, pickets who were interfering with the baggage of passengers embarking on British ships, were dispersed by British bluejackets, who were obliged to use fists.

Further Press comment on British policy in China indicates unanimity of opinion that the British Government has fully appreciated the facts, and has followed out logically the principle of non-intervention in China.

The troopship s.s. Megantic, on its way to Shanghai, has arrived at Malta, and the 12th Pack Battery have left Bombay aboard the s.s. Bankura.

Malta, Jan. 31. The Government's action in despatching troops to China, He d. veying Major General Duncan, commanding the Shanghai Defence Force, has arrived.—*Reuter*.

Bombay, Jan. 31. The Twelfth Pack Battery, of 300 men, have left for China aboard the s.s. Bankura.—*Reuter*.

NAVAL NEWS.

STEAMER SEIZURES CONTINUE.

Ichang, Jan. 31. Japanese, Italian, French and Swedish steamers have been commandeered for the conveyance of troops. Two American steamers are lying at Ichang full of troops, but the engines have been dismantled. Three British steamers are made fast together and are being protected.

The destination of the troops, movements of which have been extensive, is understood to be Wusung.—*Naval Wireless*.

EXTENSIVE TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Shanghai, Jan. 31. Japanese, French and Swedish steamers passed down river to-day full of troops. An Italian steamer arrived loaded with troops, disembarked them, and returned up river.—*Naval Wireless*.

MORE REFUGEES.

Changsha, Jan. 31. About 65 evacuated missionaries left for Hankow to-day. It is not expected that any further missionaries will be coming from the interior.—*Naval Wireless*.

HANKOW POSITION.

Hankow, Jan. 31. Italian steamers which arrived here full of Chinese troops have been detained. The situation remains the same.—*Naval Wireless*.

BLUEJACKETS V. PICKETS.

Kiukiang, Jan. 31. The Commissioner of Customs has decided not to close the Customs.

A British naval contingent were obliged to resort to fistuffs to drive away pickets who were interfering with the baggage of passengers embarking on British steamers.

Some five hundred troops arrived here to-day from up river.—*Naval Wireless*.

SOVIET STEAMER SEARCHED.

Nanking, Jan. 31. Troops with machine guns and trench mortars left here to-day, their destination, it is believed, being being Anking.

A Chinese gunboat stopped the Soviet s.s. Britan and searched her, finding all papers in order.—*Naval Wireless*.

LABOUR LEADER'S VIEWS.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S LATEST.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech at Port Talbot, criticised

TRYING TIMES. LADY REFUGEE'S STORY.

TROOPS OCCUPY COMPOUND.

In momentary danger of their lives, insulted, held as hostages, robbed, and with escape daily becoming more and more difficult—thus sums up the position of many missionaries in China to-day.

Each fresh arrival in Shanghai from upcountry (says the *China Press*) means a fresh version of the same old story of hardship and danger, but the story of Miss Loosly of the China Inland Mission is a fair summary of what is happening throughout the country.

MINISTER BEATEN.

"My station is at Pinghsiang, in Kiangsi, but on the borders of Hunan," she said when recounting her experiences. "I was the only foreigner there and was in charge of a school run in connection with the Church established in the town. By the bye," she added, "the Chinese minister has also suffered, for he was badly beaten up by students one day in the street."

IN SEPTEMBER, HEARING THINGS

were going rather badly in Yuan-chow, the headquarters of the Mission for that district, and about two days' journey away, Miss Loosly decided to return to see how matters really stood.

"On the second day after my arrival we heard that the town was to be used as the medical base for the Southern troops and shortly afterwards they indeed arrived, pouring into the compound and requisitioning it immediately. From that moment we had no peace."

SOLDIERS' INSULTS.

"The medical officers had one of our houses but they had no control whatsoever over the soldiers, who, from the time of their arrival, until I left for Changsha three months later, spent their idle moments in wandering in and out of our house. It did not matter at what hour of the day, or whether we were at prayers or meals, they just walked in, cursed us, made ribald jokes and wandered up and down stairs. One of the older members of the mission was ill at the time, but this did not deter the men from walking into her room whenever they had the wish. Appeals to the officers were in vain. They could do nothing and were nearly as rude as the men themselves. However this state of affairs has gradually altered," said Miss Loosly. "For I have just had the pleasure of the officers are becoming quite friendly—and have asked to have English lessons."

It was eventually decided that the two women should leave for Changsha. Changsha was, for the moment, considered to be somewhat safer for them. But their rest was but of short duration, for a couple of weeks later they received word that the women and children were being evacuated from the town.

RESCUED BY "WOODCOCK."

Collecting their personal belongings, they all met, as arranged, at the tug boats which were to take them down to the S. S. "Tatung." It was early in the morning, but already a crowd of Chinese had congregated on the wharf. A picket dressed in a nice green uniform was there and he, thoroughly enjoying the bawling of the women, who numbered about forty, told them they would not be allowed to leave. To prevent further effort he had the masters of the tugs tied up and then, de-lightedly, awaited events. Fortunately H. M. S. Woodcock was lying at anchor near, and the Captain, hearing of their predicament immediately brought the vessel up stream.

"The face of that picket, when he saw the Woodcock approaching, became as green as his uniform," said Miss Loosly.

MARITIME CUSTOMS AND SURTAXES.

INSTRUCTED TO CONTROL COLLECTION.

SIR F. AGLEN'S PROTEST.

Peking, Jan. 31. The Finance Ministry has issued a statement that the Chinese Government has decided to put the Maritime Customs in charge of the collection of the 2½ and 5 per cent. surtaxes, which the Inspector General has been ordered to instruct the various commissioners to collect as from February 1st.

The Ministry has published the correspondence, showing that the Inspector General, Sir Francis Aglen, maintained that his organization could only collect taxes permitted by the Treaties, and that the Government replied that the surtaxes had been unanimously agreed to by the Powers at Washington.—*Reuter*.

CONSIDERATE MAGISTRATE.

LENIENCY FOR THE NEW YEAR.

A Chinese, who stated that he was employed by Mr. Hazland, of Messrs. Brunner, Mond, and Co., appeared before Mr. R. E. Lind-sell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the possession of a small quantity of non-Government opium.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

His Worship pointed out that he had to impose a fine ten times the value of the opium, and that the fine would be \$50. In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, he did not wish to make the fine beyond defendant's capacity, and so he would reduce the fine by half—\$25. In default, imprisonment for 14 days.

Defendant said he would like to get into touch with his employer with a view to getting his pay with which to pay the fine, and his Worship gave instructions for facilities to be given the defendant, but stipulated that the fine had to be paid by noon.

STOP PRESS.

SIR FRANCIS AGLEN.

Dismissed by Peking Government.

Peking, Feb. 1. The Government has dismissed Sir Francis Aglen, the Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs.—*Reuter*.

MAILS SAFE.

ALL "SEANG BEE" BAGS ACCOUNTED FOR.

In view of reports that the mail which was carried by the Seang Bee was interfered with, a *Tele-graph* representative interviewed the Postmaster General this morning, and learned that only three bags had been opened. As far as is known, nothing has been taken, and all the bags have been accounted for.

ACROSS THE SEAS.

EXTENSION OF WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

London, Jan. 31. From Saturday afternoon, all towns in England and Wales have been admitted to the Trans-Atlantic wireless telephonic service.

Reports from various provincial towns speak of the success of this extension. The *Manchester Guardian* had a long conversation with its correspondent in New York, who, it says, could be heard with the utmost clarity. The conversation was conducted with more ease than one just previously made with Newcastle.—*British Wireless*.

CITY BURGLARY.

TWO LOCAL SHOPS VISITED.

THOUSAND DOLLAR HAUL.

Burglars have made another successful haul in the City, where, during the week-end, they broke into two shops at Beaconsfield Arcade, and stole money and goods amounting in value to close on a thousand dollars.

The shops victimized in this case are the French Store and Messrs. Ramsey and Company's typewriter shop, situated side by side at Nos. 9 and 10, Beaconsfield Arcade.

GRIFF LOCKS REMOVED.

The same features as in previous cases also marked this burglary. The burglars first entered the rooms recently vacated by the Department of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, on its removal to the new Government Building, and climbed down into a narrow alley at the rear of the Arcade. Here they attacked the grilles leading into the shops, removing the locks and bars in a remarkably neat manner.

PERFUMES AND CASH.

From the French Store, of which the proprietor is Mr. Jeannou, the burglars stole a choice assortment of costly French perfumes, and from a safe, which was forced open, they helped themselves to some \$250 in cash.

Investigation of a drawer yielded a little more money, the total extent of the haul collected from this shop being estimated at approximately one thousand dollars.

NEXT-DOOR VISIT.

If a valuable haul had not been similarly secured from Messrs. Ramsey and Company's shop, situated next door, it was not due to want of enterprise on the part of the burglars. This shop was entered in very much the same way as its neighbour, and the contents gone over in a very systematic manner. Tools and typewriters were displaced on all hand, and a search was also made for money, but without success.

One of the mechanics of the shop has closely looked over the lock displaced from the grill gate and this morning he expressed his admiration at the skill of the nocturnal visitors, who were able to remove all such obstacles in a professional manner without resorting to the crude and dangerous procedure of using a hammer and chisel.

The fact that burglars had been inside was not known until yesterday morning, when the shops were reopened after the week-end.

GERMAN CABINET.

TWO MORE APPOINTMENTS.

Berlin, Jan. 31. President Hindenburg has appointed Walter Von Kuehnel and Dr. Herzt, Ministers of Interior and Justice respectively. The latter is also Vice-Chancellor. Both are German-Nationals.—*Reuter*.

STORMY MEETING.

Later.

It was only after a prolonged and stormy meeting that the German National Reichstag Party decided to yield to the entreaties of the President to drop Dr. Graef as a candidate for a Ministerial post.

Walter Von Kuehnel is regarded as one of the most progressive members of the German National Party. He has been a member of the Reichstag since 1925 and is an ex-Prussian Provincial Governor.

It is rumoured that a movement is proceeding to supplant Dr. Gessler at the Ministry of Defence by a member of the German People's Party.—*Reuter*.

HAS FLU GERM BEEN DISCOVERED?

INTERESTING REPORT FROM HOMELAND.

EXPERTS TO DECIDE.

London, Jan. 31. Great interest is being taken in scientific and medical circles in the reported discovery of what is supposed to be the influenza germ.

The importance of the discovery, if the report should prove true, is emphasised. Medical science has hitherto suffered under a great disadvantage from the absence of any really definite information about the origin of influenza.

It is understood that the attention of the Ministry of Health is to be called to the reported discovery, and that medical experts of the Ministry will be charged with the duty of investigating the claims made.—*British Wireless*.

CANTON HOSPITAL CLOSES.

RESULT OF LABOUR DOMINATION.

Owing to attempts by Labour Unions to control the management, the John G. Kerr Hospital for the Insane, at Canton, has had to close down.

This institution, which was founded in 1893, has done a splendid work in caring for insane Chinese, and has received considerable support from the Hongkong Government. An arrangement existed by which the Canton Government paid for the support of public patients, but it appears that its obligations are much in arrears, with the result that over \$90,000 is now owing to the Hospital.

New regulations concerning the administration and management of the Hospital have been issued by the Canton Government, and as these are considered unreasonable, the institution has decided to close down, the Canton Government being asked to arrange for the removal of the 230 Public Health patients.

RUBBER EXPORTS.

NEW QUARTER'S STANDARD FIXED.

London, Jan. 31. The official percentage of the standard production of rubber which may be exported at the minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and Malaya for the quarter beginning February 1st will be seventy per cent.—*Reuter*.

London, Jan. 31.

The British Government has agreed to the decision that the limit period for exporting rubber should be abandoned as far as Ceylon is concerned and that henceforward coupons in Ceylon will not have a time limit.—*Reuter*.

END OF GREAT WAR.

MILITARY COMMISSION CEASES.

Berlin, Jan. 31. The Inter-Allied Military Commission officially ceases to exist but a few officers will remain to wind up its affairs.

During the course of seven years, the Commission has ordered the destruction of 50,000 guns, 100,000 machine guns, over 14,000 aeroplanes, 27,000 motor engines, and many millions of shells and small arms.—*Reuter*.

MOB OUTRAGE.

A.P.C. PLANT SET ON FIRE.

RECENT HUNAN AFFAIR.

Writing under date of the 17th ult., a correspondent of the *Hankow Herald* at Siangtau, Hunan, says:

Yesterday another mammoth parade and protest against Britain and British "Imperialism" took place in this city. A bridge of boats was thrown across the river taking over one hundred Chinese boats and the whole crowd marched over and set fire to the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s Installation plant. It is reported that there was about two thousand tons of oil in the installation.

The fire began in the late afternoon and lasted long after dark. In the evening it lighted up the heavens with a brilliant glow. The idea at first was to save the buildings, which were not large but they took out so much oil and could not save the building when the fire got started.

STAMP FAMINE.

The Chinese Post Office was without stamps for nearly ten days and only a limited number of stamps could be purchased. Now postage stamps are coming from Hankow and the stamp famine is over. It seems that the Postal Commissioner at Changsha was presented with a series of demands and when the leaders came into his office to present the demands, the safe was open and the stamps, tens of thousands of dollars worth all in view. He immediately got up to light a cigarette and slammed the door shut and told them that they could whistle as far as demands were concerned and left. It is reported that he is still on the American gunboat at Changsha. So all the stamps for Hunan were locked up and there was a famine for over a week.

One certainly does not realize how dependent he is on the Post Office until an event like this happens. Twenty-five years ago there were few Post-Offices in Hunan and its growth has been one of the great signs of progress in this Province in recent years.

CHAPELS COMMANDEERED.

The country places still report a good deal of disturbance and the Christian chapels are being commandeered and often where there is no desire to use them, inmates are put to great inconvenience by crowds of children often or rowdies coming and tearing down the wall pictures and scripture mottoes demanding the scriptures and tracts and burning them or tearing them up and scattering the paper around the building, in some places the furniture has been destroyed, the sign boards taken down or some strange things pasted over them. Strange to say that the chapels which are owned and controlled by the Chinese Christians themselves have not been saved any more than those owned by the Mission. Two such recently have been taken over and no kind of religious exercises are allowed at all. The preacher has been compelled to take his family away and the Christians have been compelled to enter the Farmers' Guild to get any protection at all.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED.

There seems to be little likelihood of Christian schools opening during the Spring term of this year. Some are trying to carry on through local Boards of Directors, and others find that it is best not to try to open. Since all schools must register or close before April 1, 1927, and the regulations under which schools must register are so uncertain and difficult, it seems impossible to register. The authorities say that after April it will be harder to register than now, so why seek to register when it is known that the regulations may change for the worse and registered schools will be still under the more severe regulations. "To be or not to be," that is the question. Not to be, seems the easiest just now.

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ERROR OF LAW.

LEGAL MISCONDUCT IN ARBITRATION.

"In my opinion the facts show clearly that the Arbitrator was well aware that the applicants desired to raise certain questions of law in the form of a Special Case. That being so, he was guilty of misconduct in not giving the applicants the opportunity to come to this Court, if he himself did not intend to submit these questions for the decision of the Court," said the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, when he granted a motion by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., for the setting aside of an arbitration award made by Mr. A. Colbourne Little, of Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood.

Mr. Potter, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wideson, and acting for Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the applicants, the Hang Yip Co., Ltd. The respondents, Ng Hing and Co., were represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. F. X. Remedios.

The applicants alleged Mr. Little legally misconducted himself in not stating his award in the form of a Special Case, and that he did wrong in not delaying making the award until he had notified his intention, of not stating the award as a Special Case. They contended that they had been precluded from applying to the Court on points of law. Another ground for objection was that the award was bad, because on its face it was erroneous in matter of law and fact.

Arbitrator's Duties.

Referring to the duties of an Arbitrator, His Lordship said he was given the power to state an award, as to the whole or a part, in the form of a Special Case for the opinion of the Court, and if directed by the Court should state in the form of a Special Case any question of law arising in the course of an arbitration.

The Arbitrator's duty was to state a Special Case on request, or if he refused to do so, to delay his award until a party to the arbitration could apply to the Court for an order directing a Special Case. If the Arbitrator refused to comply with either of such requests, he was guilty of misconduct, and the Court could set aside an award made by him.

Counsel for the respondents had argued that no such application had been made, and if it had it was made on frivolous grounds and for the purposes of delay.

His Lordship then went on to consider points raised by Mr. Jenkin and Mr. Zeitlyn, at the hearing.

An Express Request.

Continuing he said it seemed to him that Mr. Jenkin clearly stated three alternative ways in which the opinion of the Court on the various points of law, which he enumerated, might be obtained, and asked in express terms that before actually making the award, he (Mr. Little) should state what course he intended to follow. "So that we may have an opportunity of asking you to state a Special Case."

Mr. Zeitlyn emphasised the right of an Arbitrator to decide questions of law as well as fact, and suggested that, in view of the facts of the case, the Arbitrator would be enabled "to dispense with the expense and delay to the parties of a Special Case."

Mr. Jenkin obviously felt that what Mr. Zeitlyn had said might lead the Arbitrator to believe he had the right to make his award without giving the parties the right to apply to the Court for an order directing the Arbitrator to state a Special Case, and used

VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REUNION IN LONDON.

It will no doubt be of interest to many to learn that the Bishop of London has kindly consented to take the chair on June 29th at the annual meeting of the Association at Victory House, Leicester Square.

The fact that his Lordship has so recently stayed in the Colony will help tremendously towards linking up those who have the interests of this Diocese at heart both here and at home.

The Association would be grateful if any who are likely to be in England this summer would send their names in so that invitations may be sent to them. It is also possible that many in the Colony may have friends at home who would like to have invitations sent to them. All names and addresses should be sent in as soon as possible to the Diocesan Chaplain, Bishop's House, St. Paul's College, Hongkong.

words which should have made it clear to the Arbitrator that his clients desired to have the points of law mentioned by him, decided by the Court, and if he ignored this he would be acting wrongly.

No Definite Request.

Without previous notice Mr. Little made his award, and asked whether he had as part of his award, stated the questions of law in the form of a Special Case, replied that the remarks of Messrs. Jenkin and Zeitlyn supported his recollection "that there was not a definite request from both parties that I should state a Special Case" and added "I have taken this course in the hope of avoiding unnecessary expense to both parties."

Mr. Little relied on the fact that the request had not been made by both parties, obviously incorrect ground on which to base a refusal to state a Special Case. Neither in that letter, nor in his affidavit (did he allege that he did not realise the applicants desired, in one of the three ways mentioned, to have the decision of the Court on the points of law of the arbitration.

Arbitrator at Fault.

There were no grounds for holding that the points of law proposed to be submitted for the decision of the Court were frivolous or for the purpose of delay. The award must be set aside on the ground of misconduct on the part of the Arbitrator.

His Lordship considered the award was also bad on the ground of an error of law, and ordered it to be set aside with costs.

Application Refused.

Mr. Alabaster asked His Lordship to remit the case to the same Arbitrator for decision again as the misconduct was not of the type that was met with in certain cases.

His Lordship—I was never asked to do that.

Mr. Alabaster replied that Mr. Little had not shown any desire to allocate to himself exclusive jurisdiction as they had in other cases.

His Lordship replied he had never considered it from that point of view. He had simply dealt with the argument before him, and if he was required to do that he would have to give a new judgment. His Lordship added that he was not quite certain of his powers, but if they wanted to avoid expense he might be able to order the Arbitrator to state his award in full for a Special Case.

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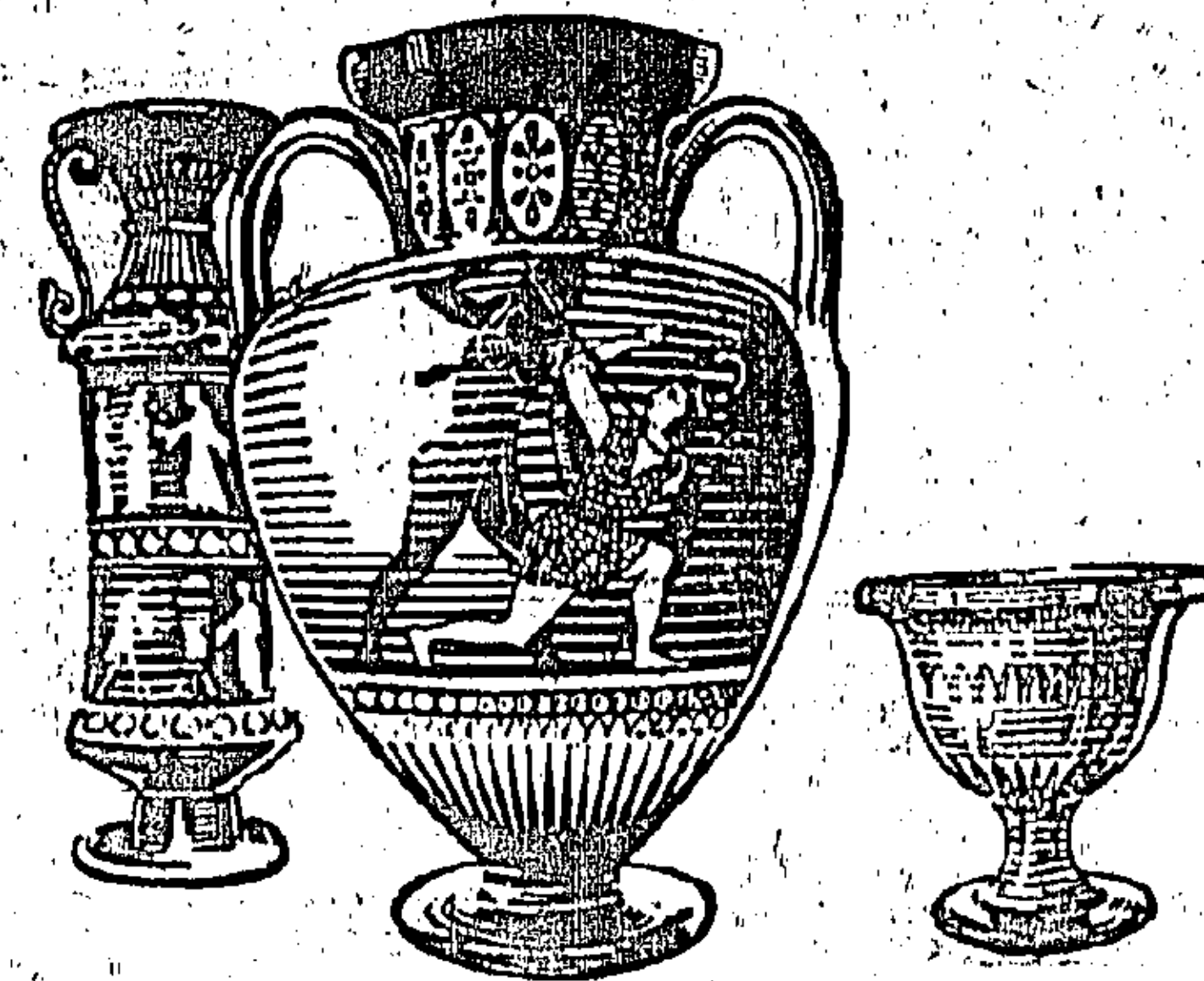
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the judgment in the form His Lordship had given.

Refusing Mr. Alabaster's application, His Lordship said he could not consider the point as no one had given him any intimation that the matter should be remitted.



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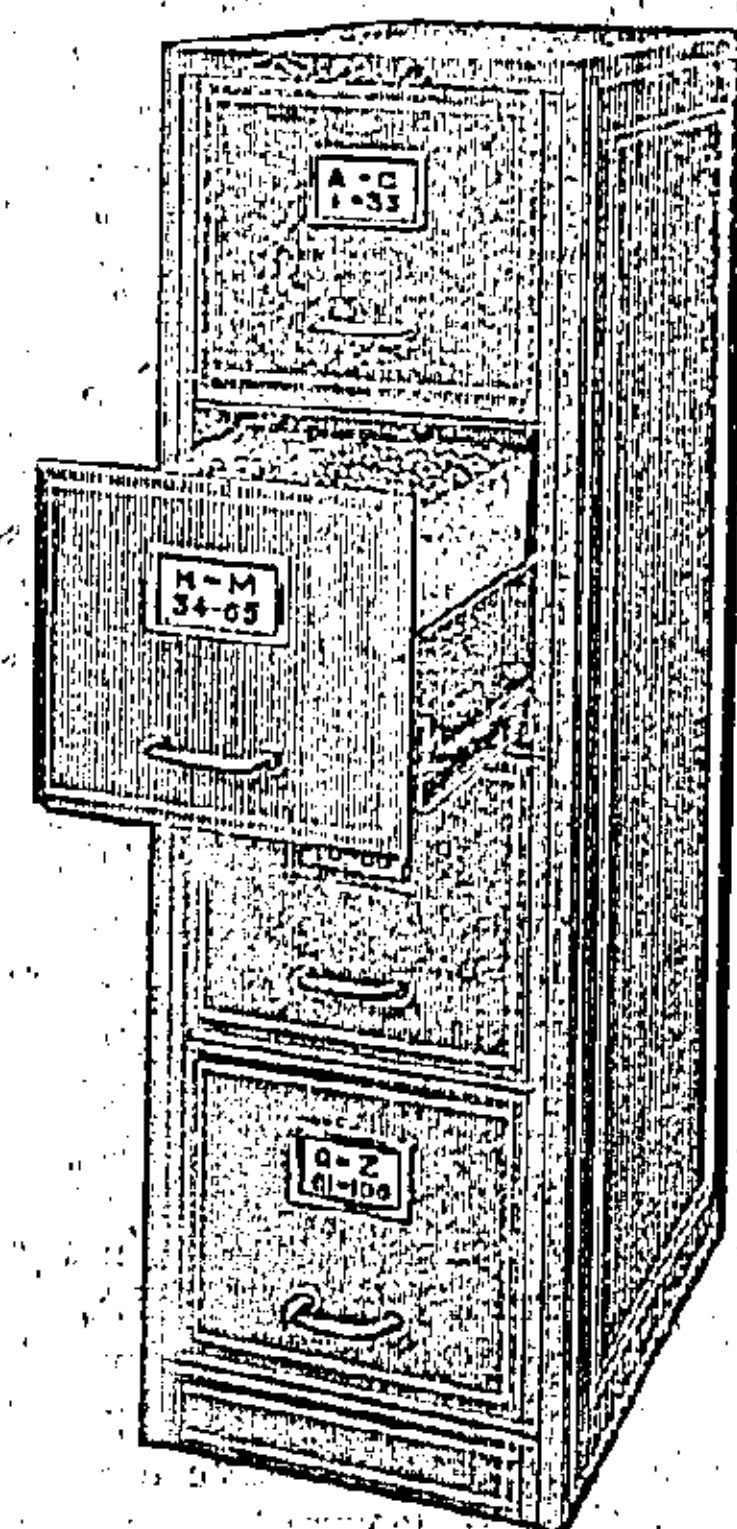
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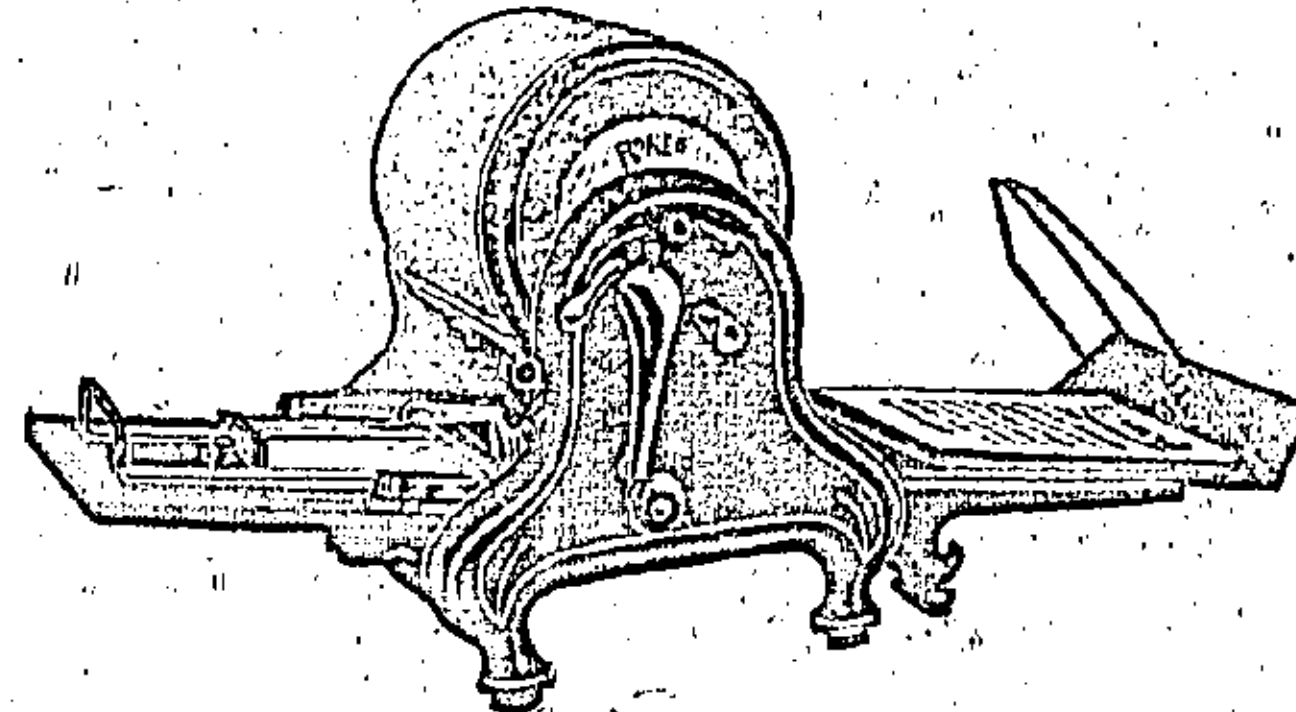


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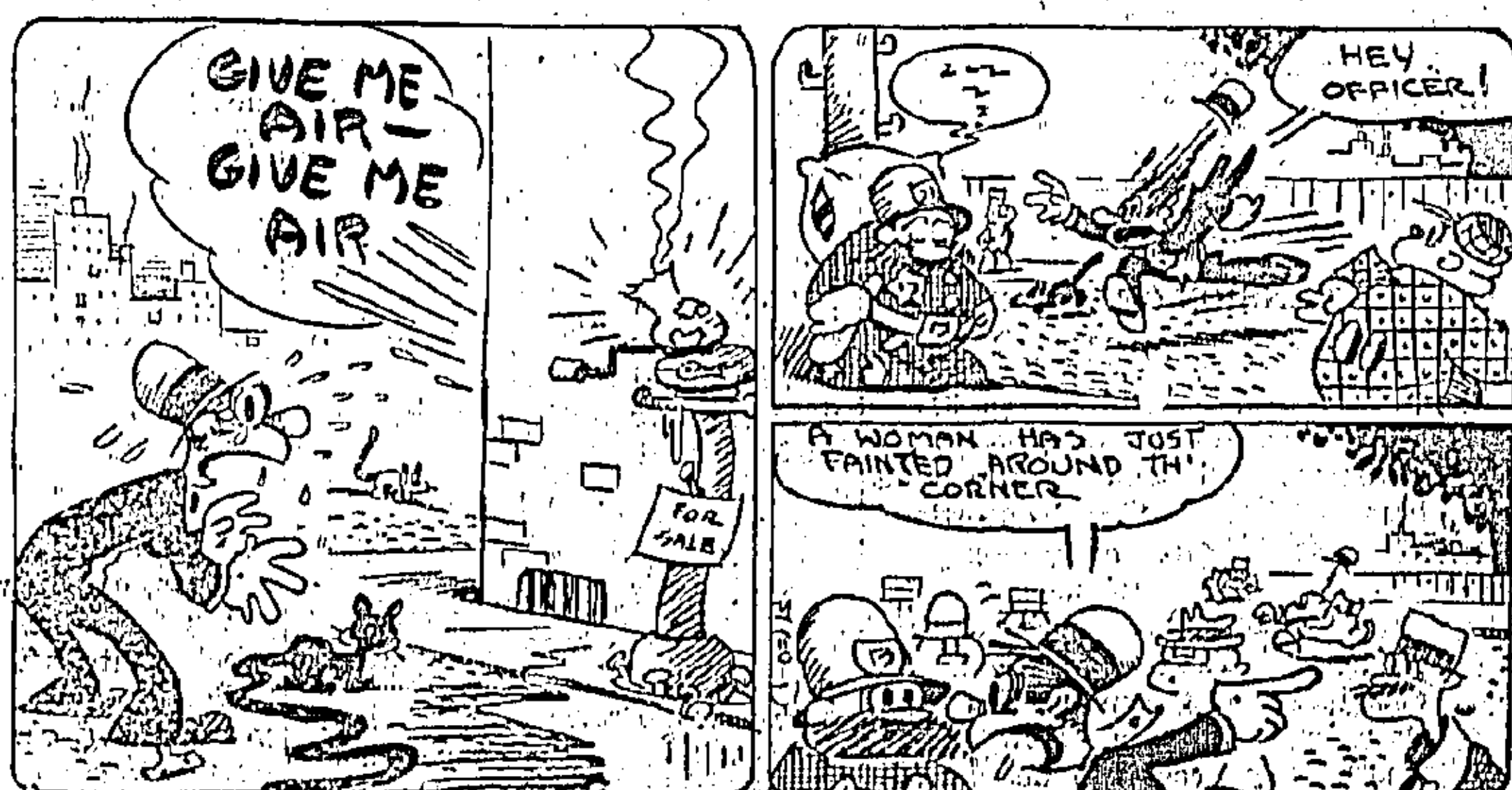
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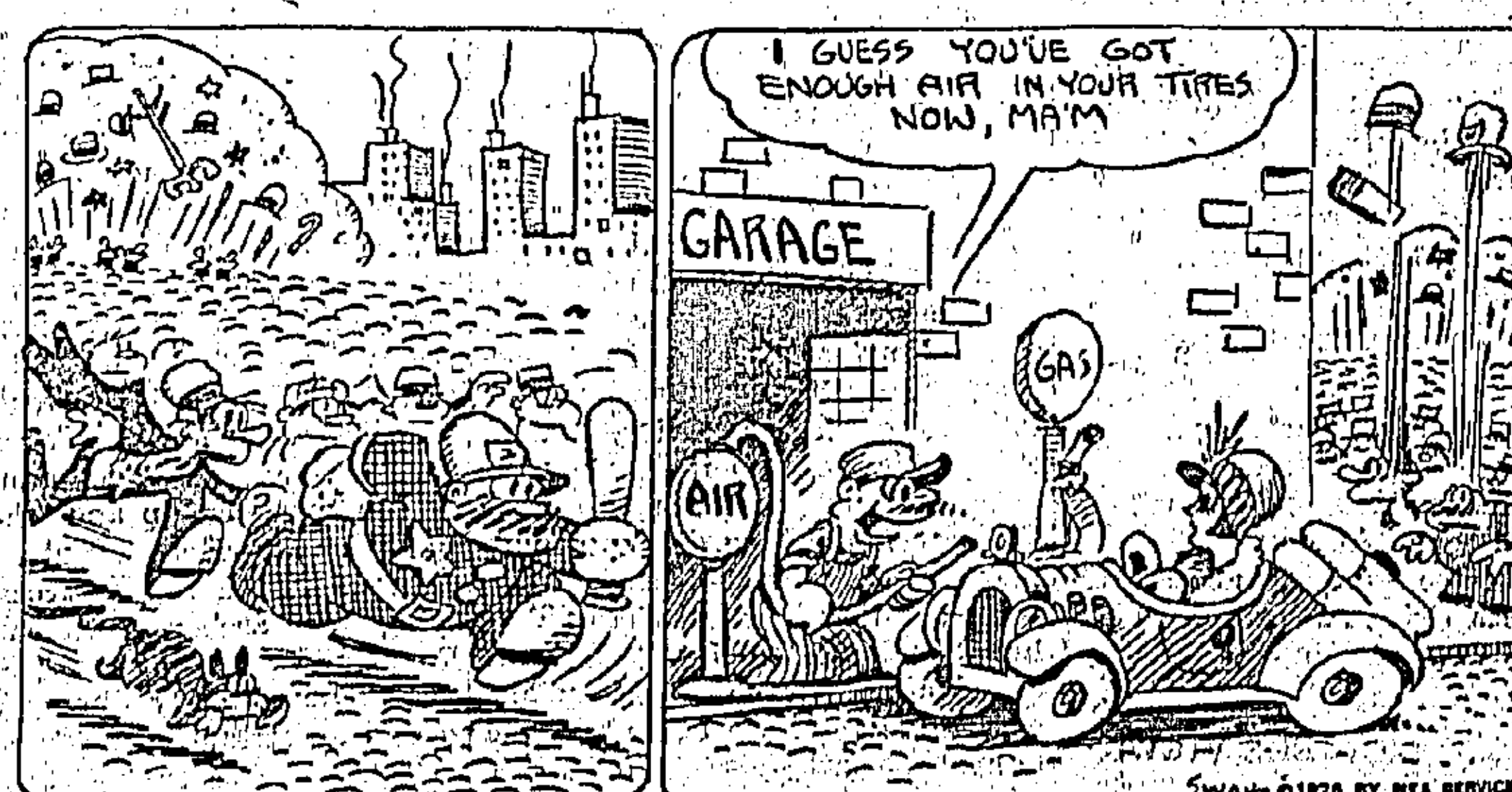


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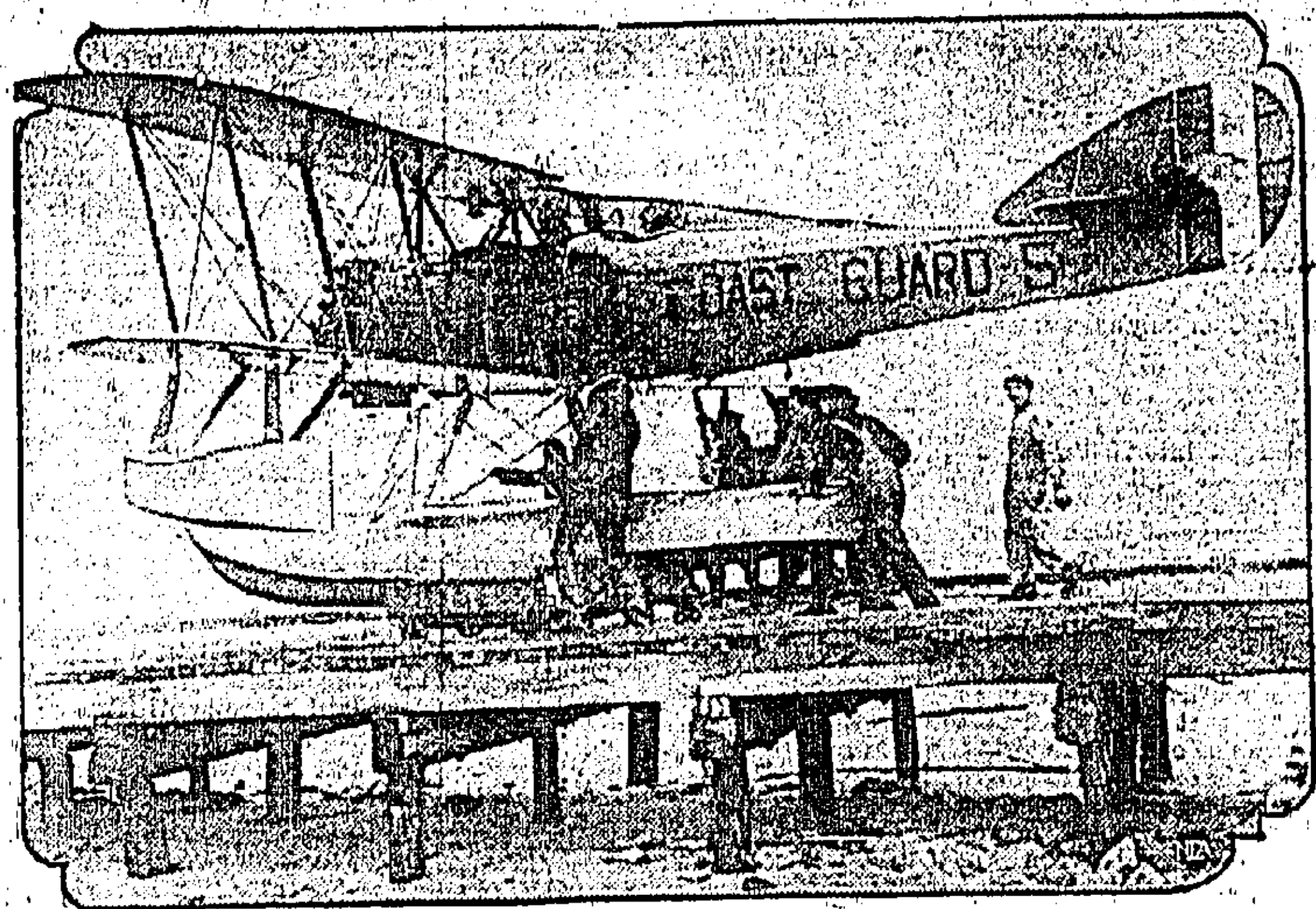
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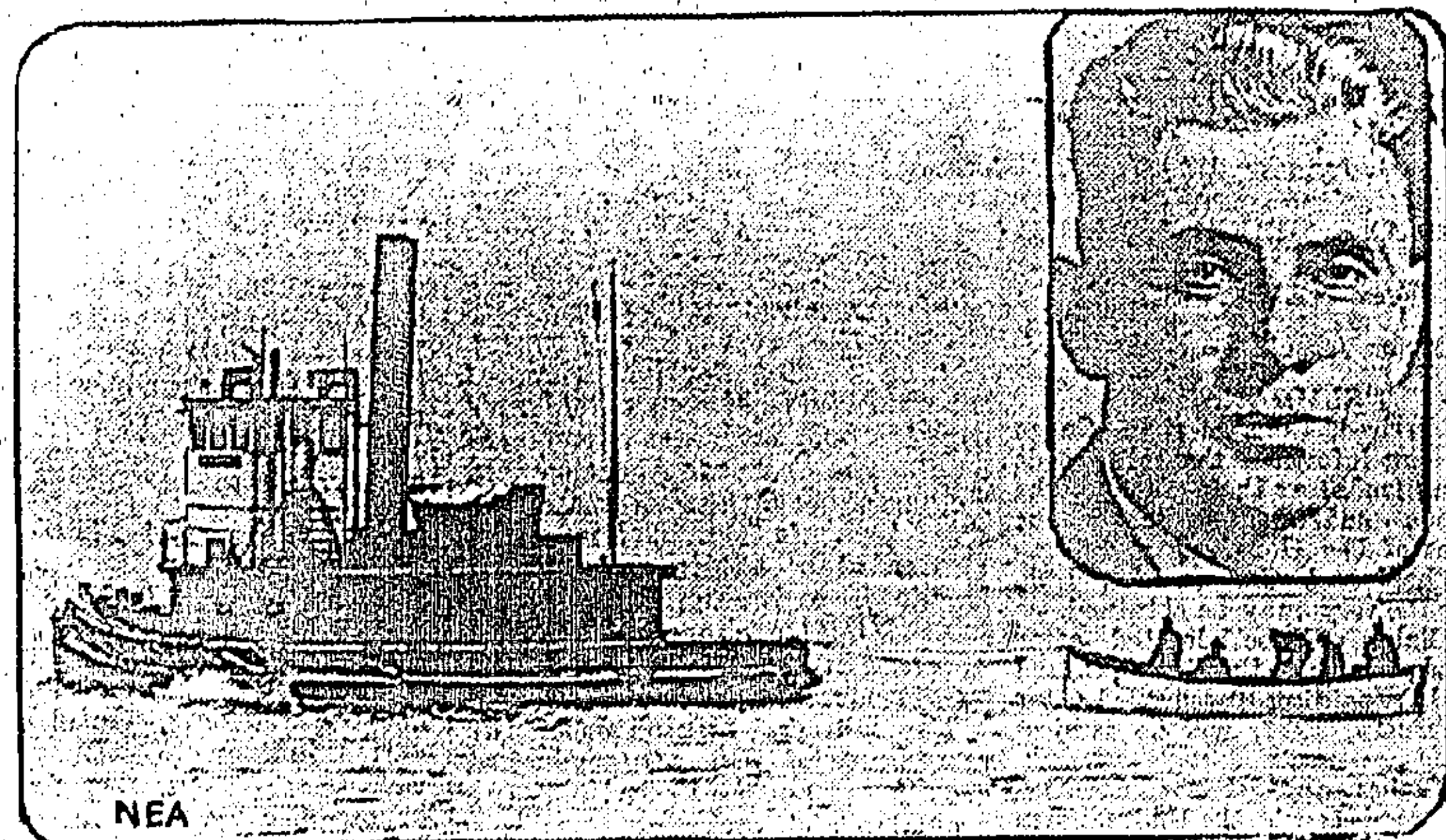
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AEROPLANE RUN CHASER.—This picture is of the launching of the last of the Coast Guard's high powered aeroplane run-chasers at Rockaway Park, Long Island. Operating from the bases at Gloucester, and Cape May and Long Branch, New Jersey, they make things merry for the liquor fleet at anchor inside territorial waters.



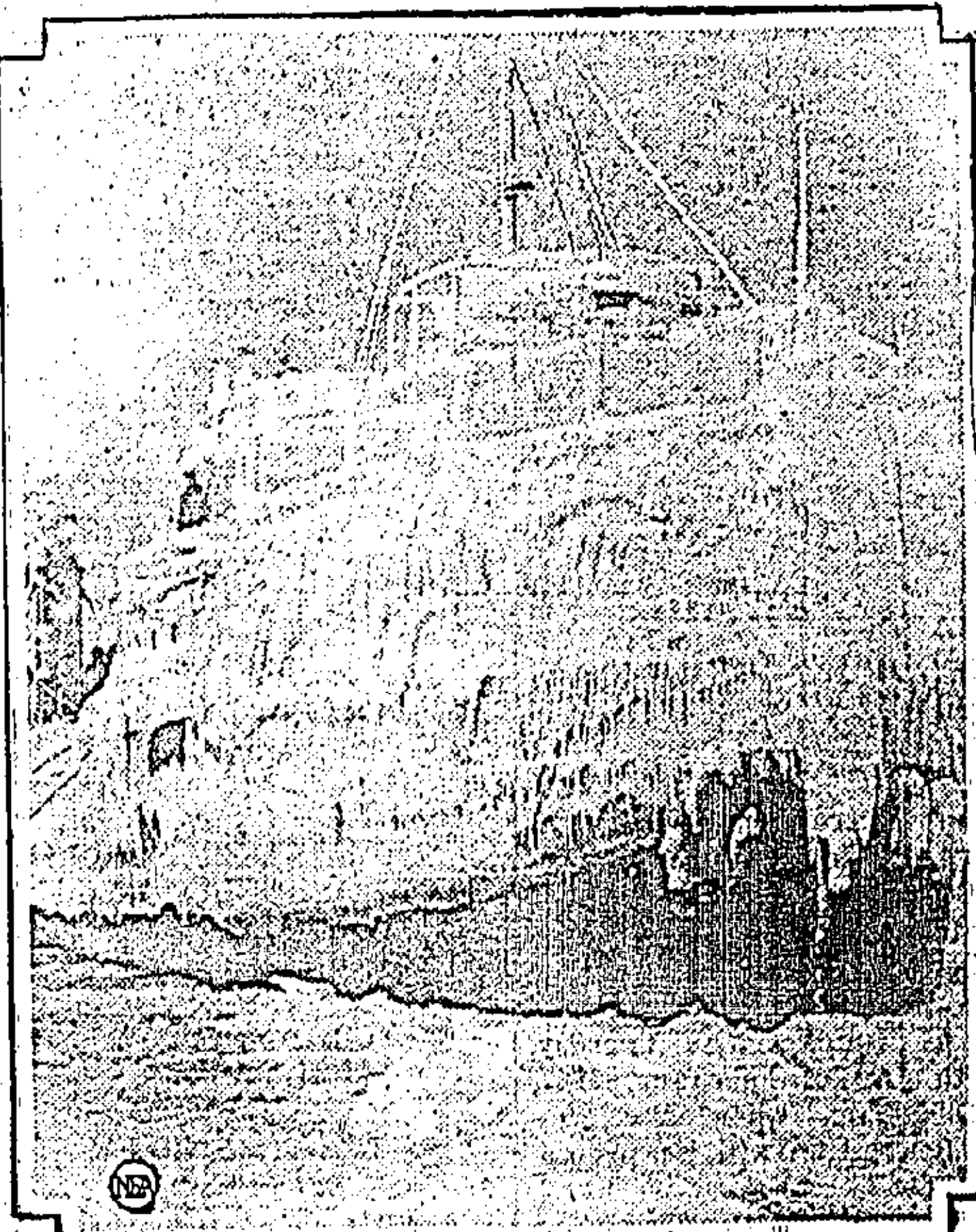
CLEMENCEAU MOURNS.—Death of Claude Monet, the French impressionistic artist and a close friend, brought Georges Clemenceau from retirement to attend the simple funeral services at Giverny. To the right of "The Tiger," stands Mme. Monet, the widow.



TREACHEROUS ICE FLOE.—At least three men were drowned and more than a score others narrowly missed similar fate in the sinking of the launch Linseed King in the Hudson River, New York. A hole had been ripped in its bottom by an ice floe. Here are some of the rescued and their rescuers being towed to safety by a tug. The inset is a close-up of John Rohdewer, captain of the launch.

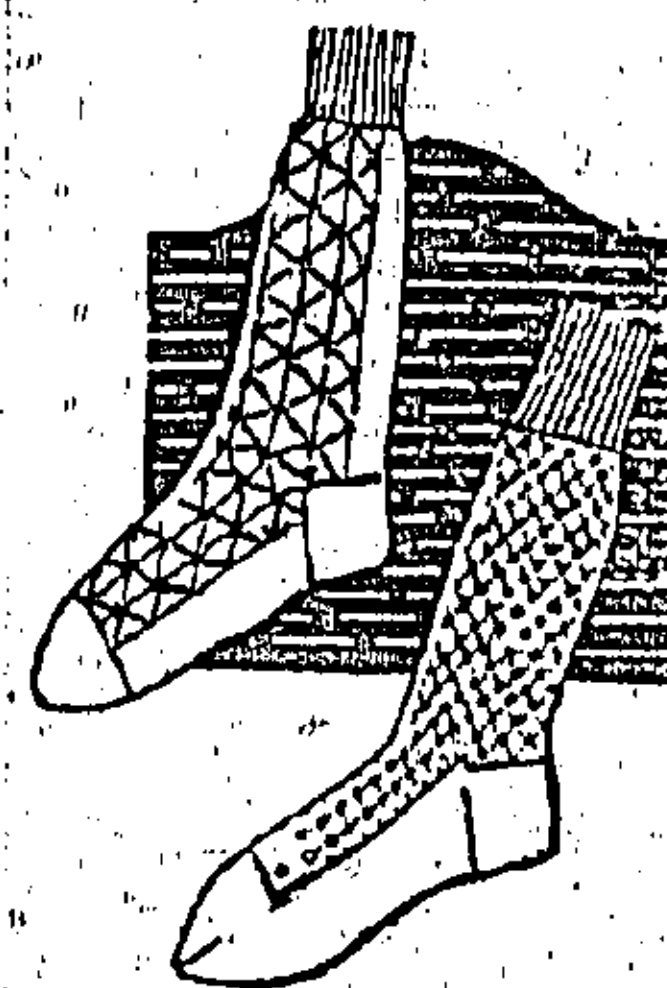


AUSTRALIAN PREMIER.—Mr. S. M. Bruce, Premier of Australia, and Mrs. Bruce, photographed when they reached New York on their way home from the Imperial Conference in London. En route, Mr. Bruce was to stop off in Washington to ask President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg to allow visiting Australian business men to remain longer in the United States than the present immigration laws permit.



SHEATHED IN ICE.—The last ship to escape from the grip of the Ice King on the Great Lakes, the steamer Fitzgerald, makes port after being imprisoned in the St. Mary's river, between Lakes Huron and Superior, for two weeks. Note how the upper works are sheathed in ice.

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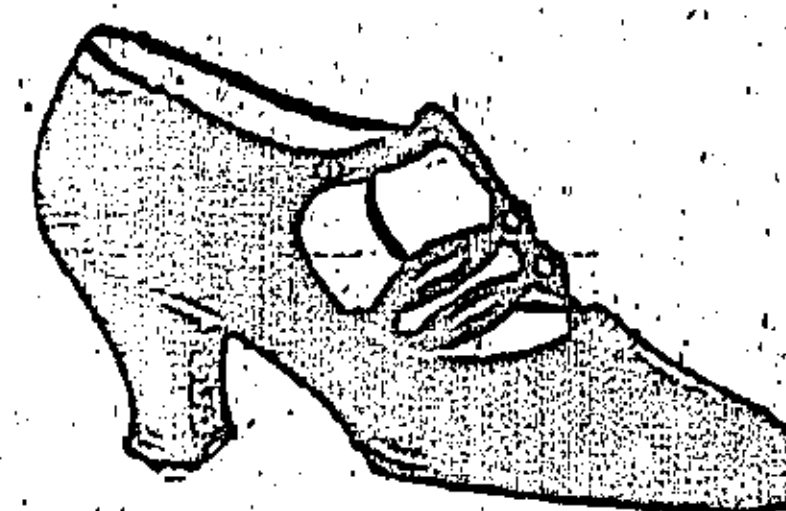
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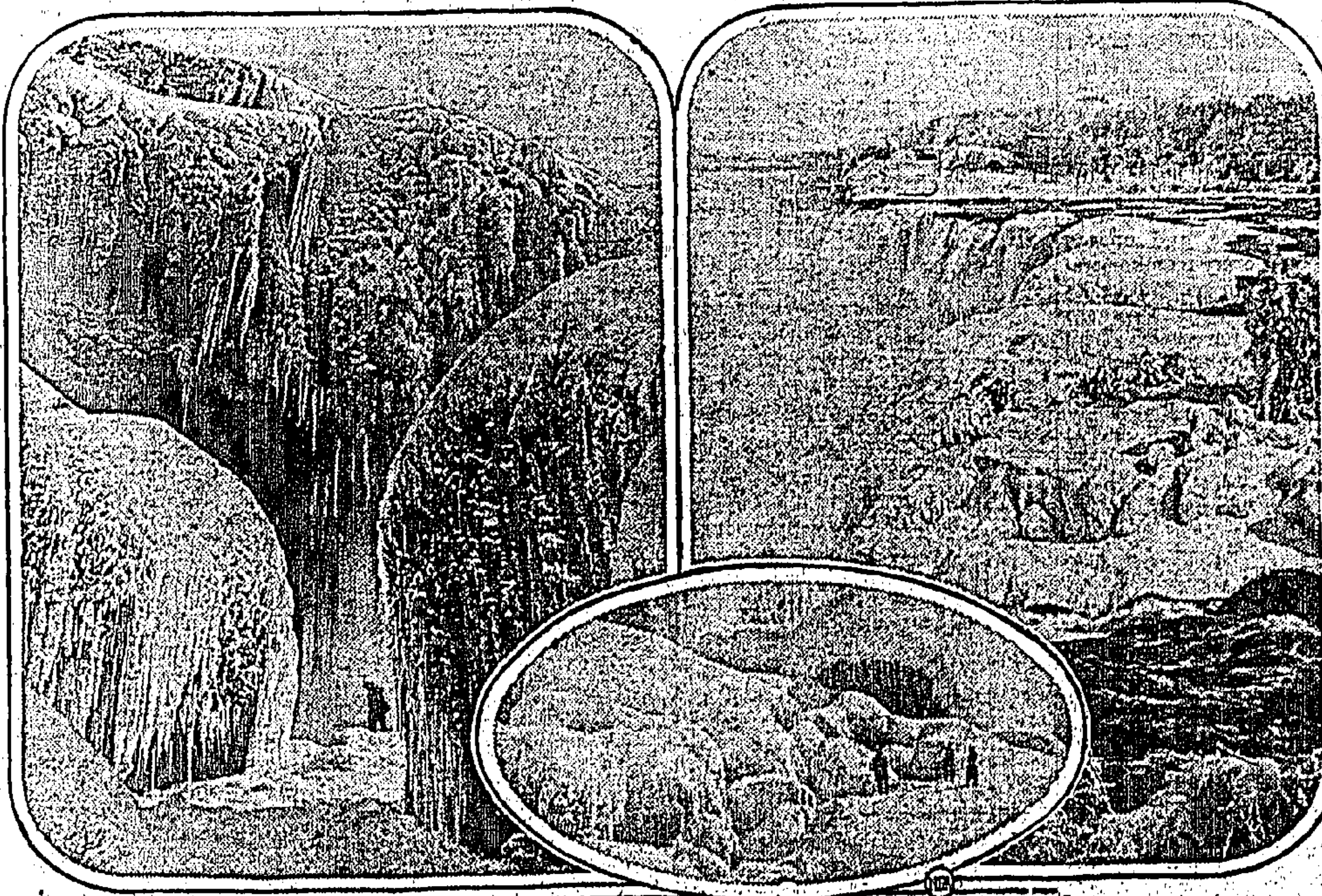
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GORGEOUS SNOW SCENES.—Hundreds of thousands of people see Niagara Falls every year—but not many of them see the famous cataract in its beautiful winter garb. These pictures were taken after winter had finally put its grip on Niagara. At the left is the "Cave of the Winds," now clothed with the longest icicles south of the Arctic circle. At the right is a scene from Luna Island, looking toward the American shore. The inset shows the ice mountains at the base of the American falls.

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Hongkong, 31st Jan., 1927.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added: "All meetings of the Society shall be held in 'Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine.'"

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted: "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.

108 (a). "All meetings of Directors shall be held 'in Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine.'"

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hongkong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted: "outside the Colony of Hongkong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an Extraordinary General Meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

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Hongkong, 27th Jan., 1927.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON, General Managers.

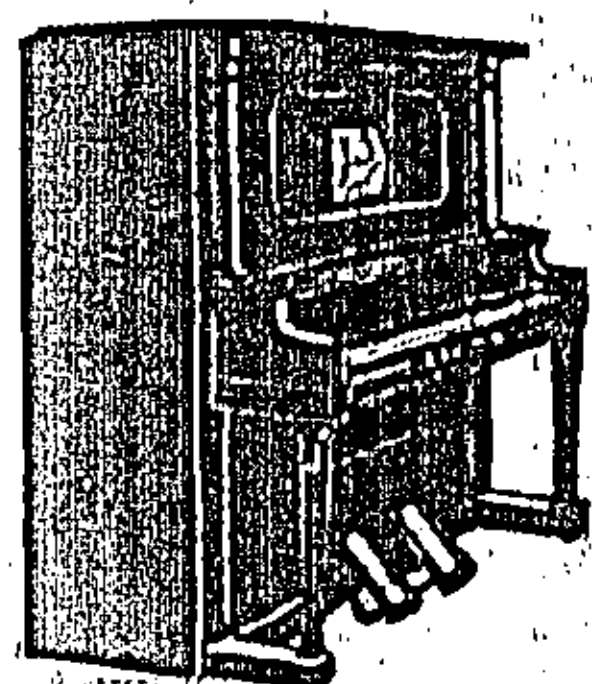
Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1927.

THE HONGKONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both

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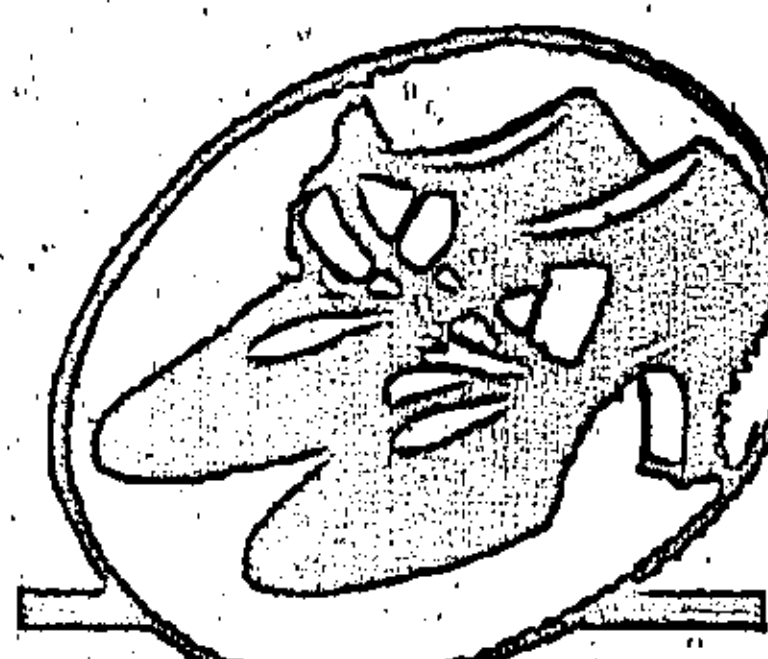
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CORSETS CONDEMNED.

Corsets for girls are anathema and hard hats and stiff collars for boys an abomination, says Dr. S. Henning Belfrage, honorary medical secretary of the New Health Society.

Addressing a meeting of the Parents' Association at 35, Lowndes-square, S.W., he said that no hats at all was the best condition, but loose caps were better if head-gear must be worn. Woolen or fabric pullovers were better for boys than a waistcoat.

If parents began with the very young children to train the skin to exposure to the air there would not be that danger, when they grew up, from the vagaries of the climate as now. Every school of any size ought to have an open-air cold bath available for use once or twice a day.

Answering questions, Dr. Belfrage said parents should combine where possible and make these demands from the preparatory and public schools.



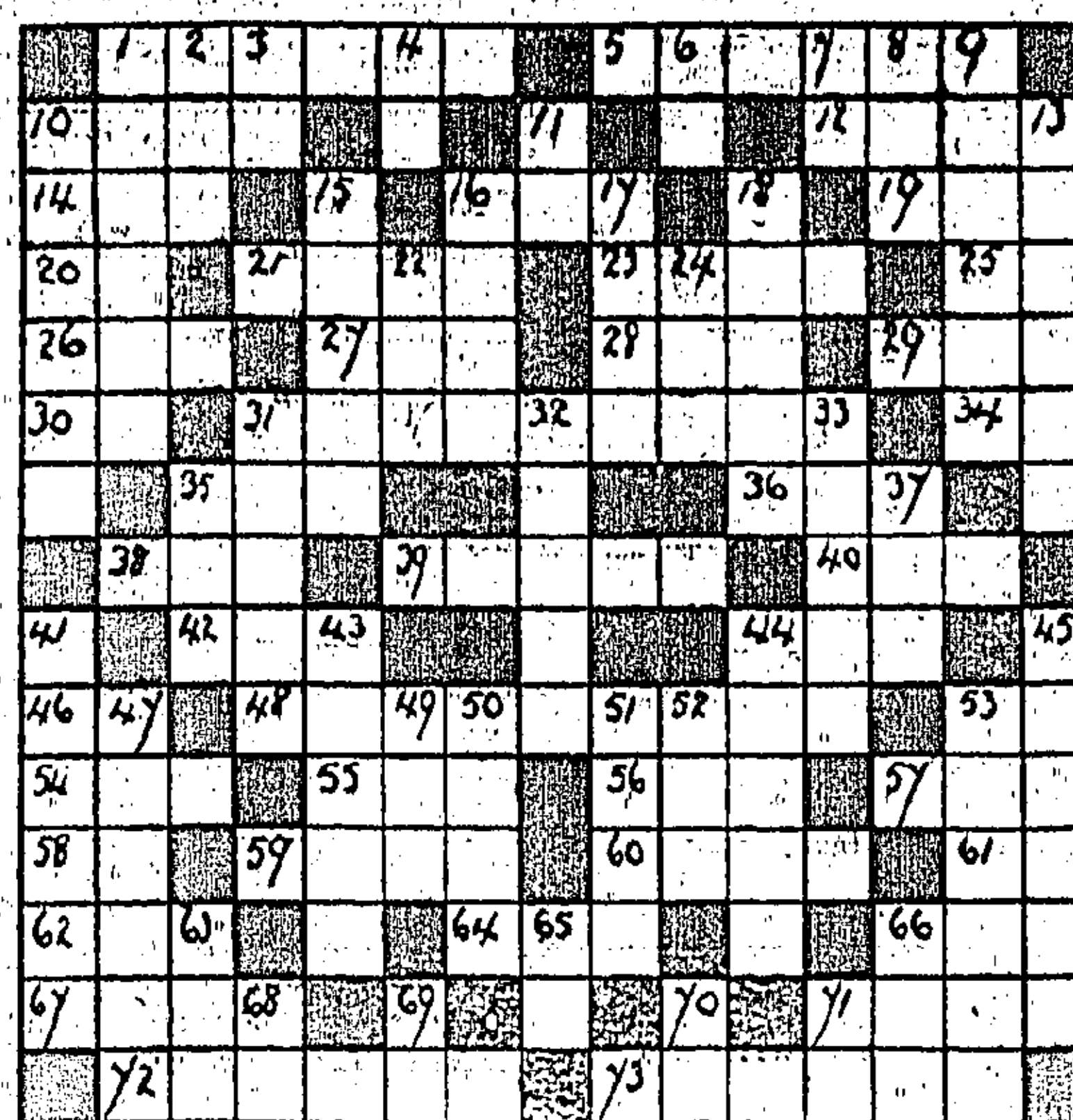
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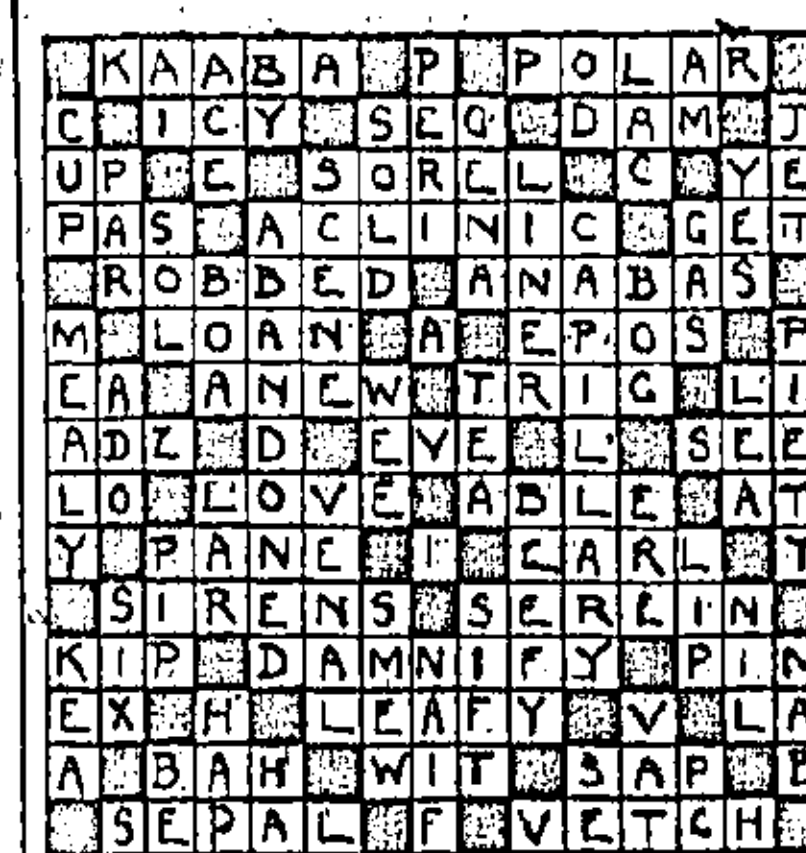
- 1 Biblical poems.
- 2 Baffle.
- 3 Donkey's call.
- 4 Certain.
- 5 Decomposition of a body by electrolysis.
- 6 A prophet.
- 7 A number.
- 8 Acts.
- 9 A projectile.
- 10 A burden.
- 11 Mother.
- 12 A nest.
- 13 Girl's name.
- 14 Exceeding.
- 15 Boy's name.
- 16 Nova Scotia (initials).
- 17 Game bird.
- 18 In the matter of.
- 19 Large deer.
- 20 Squeeze.
- 21 Spread.
- 22 Help.
- 23 Even so.
- 24 House of refreshment.
- 25 Morning.
- 26 A portion.
- 27 Thanks.
- 28 Tail end.
- 29 A meadow.
- 30 A period.
- 31 Part of verb "to be".
- 32 Denotes proximity.
- 33 Forwarded.
- 34 Pronoun.
- 35 Used for stringed instruments.
- 36 A bird.
- 37 A beverage.
- 38 Part of British Isles (poet).
- 39 Later.
- 40 One self-centred.
- 41 An official in Egypt.

Down.

- 1 Demonstrations.
- 2 Mournful.
- 3 Yes.
- 4 Personal pronoun.
- 5 Cry to excite attention.
- 6 Expresses equality.

- 8 Depression in cart track.
- 9 A shako.
- 10 A two-pronged instrument.
- 11 Deputy Lieutenant (abbr.).
- 12 Glossy paint.
- 13 Rulers of Persia.
- 14 A volcano.
- 15 A little.
- 16 No cite.
- 17 A number.
- 18 Not.
- 19 Boy servants.
- 20 A fish.
- 21 Unauthorised language.
- 22 A fright.
- 23 Relation.
- 24 Unacquainted.
- 25 Tunes played by a single instrument.
- 26 Empty.
- 27 Secure.
- 28 Ripe.
- 29 Cat's cry.
- 30 Point of compass.
- 31 Command.
- 32 Wrath.
- 33 Makes clothes.
- 34 To twitch.
- 35 Conjunction.
- 36 Collection of notable sayings.
- 37 Not any.
- 38 You and I.
- 39 Sixth note of scale.
- 40 Period of time.

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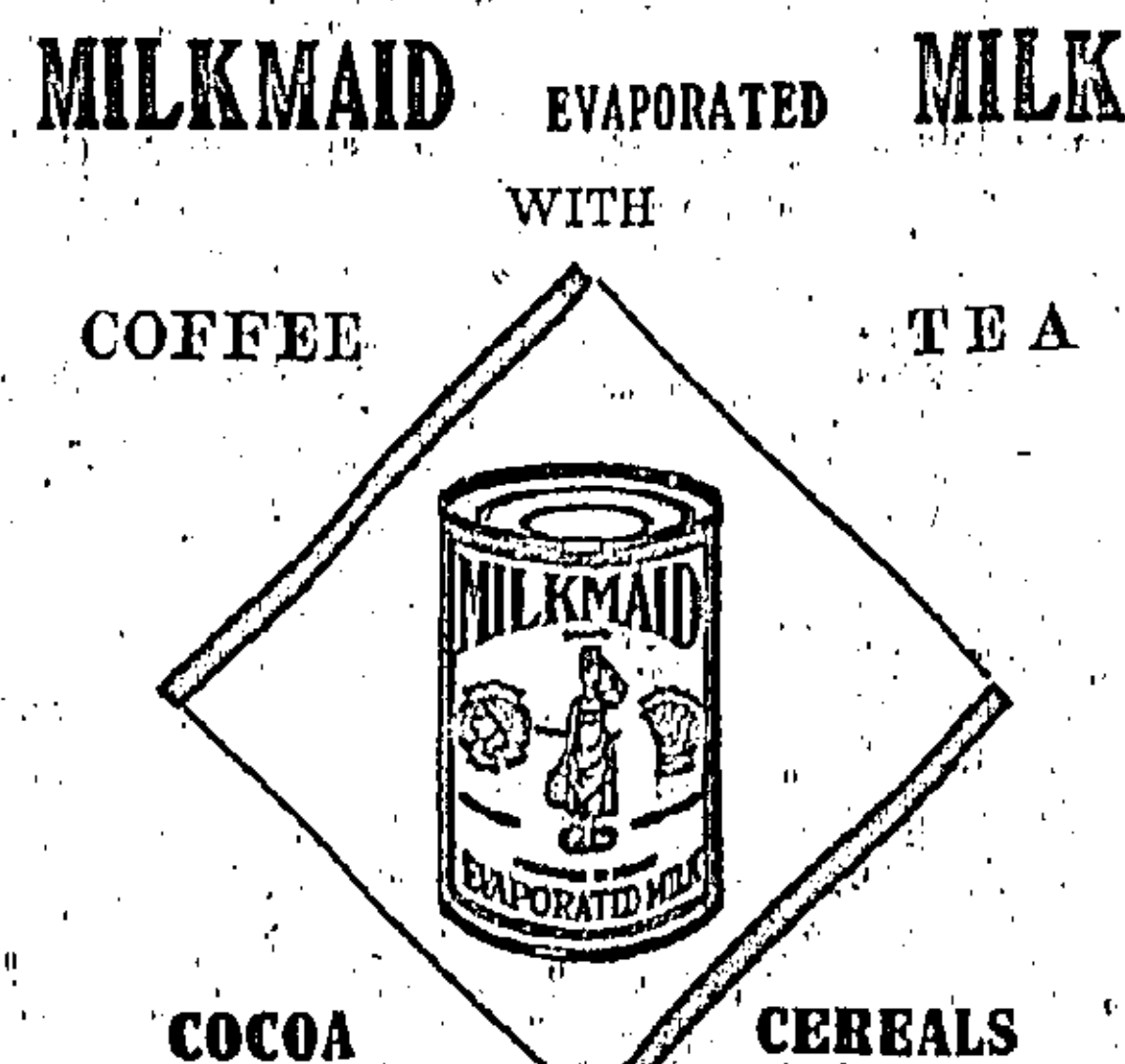
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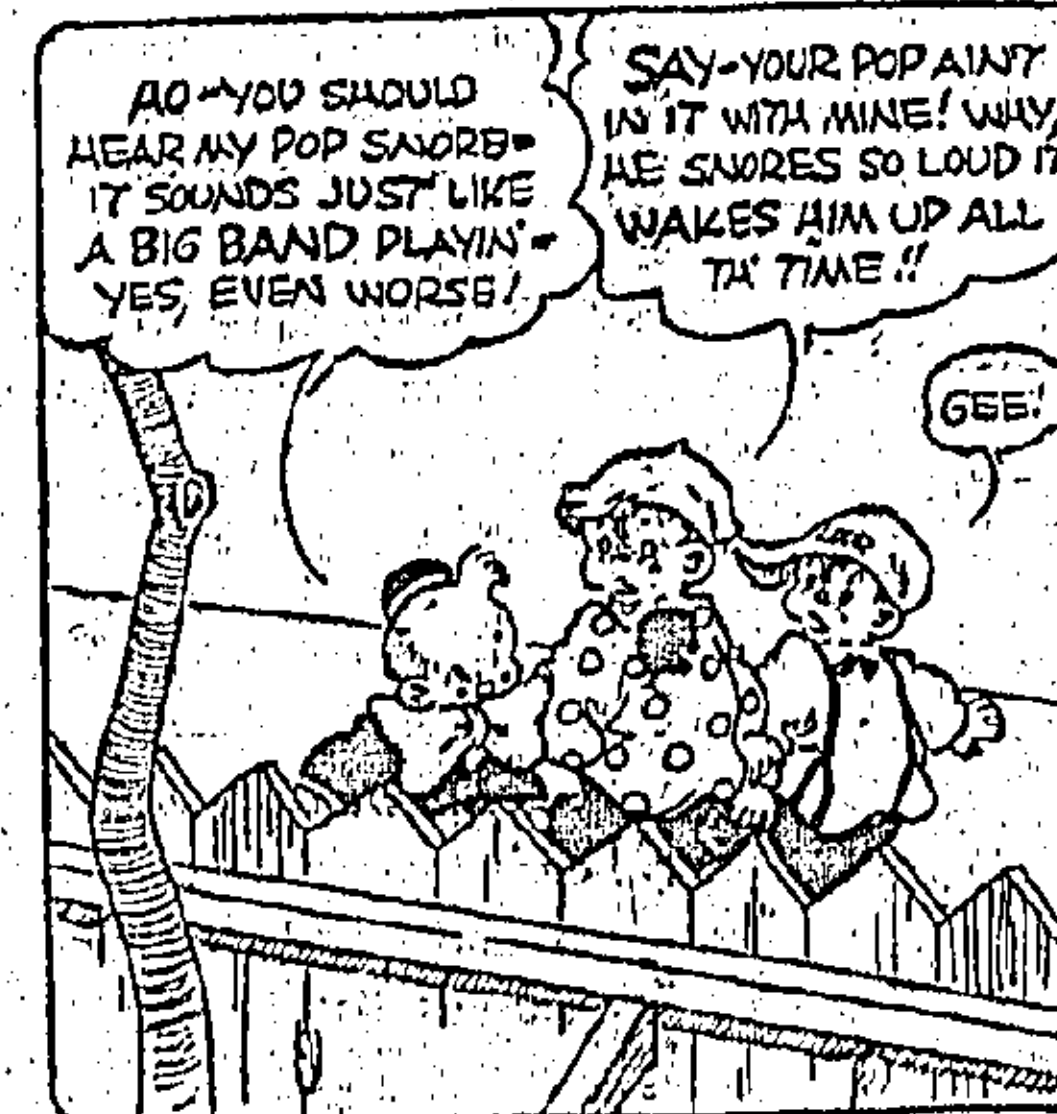
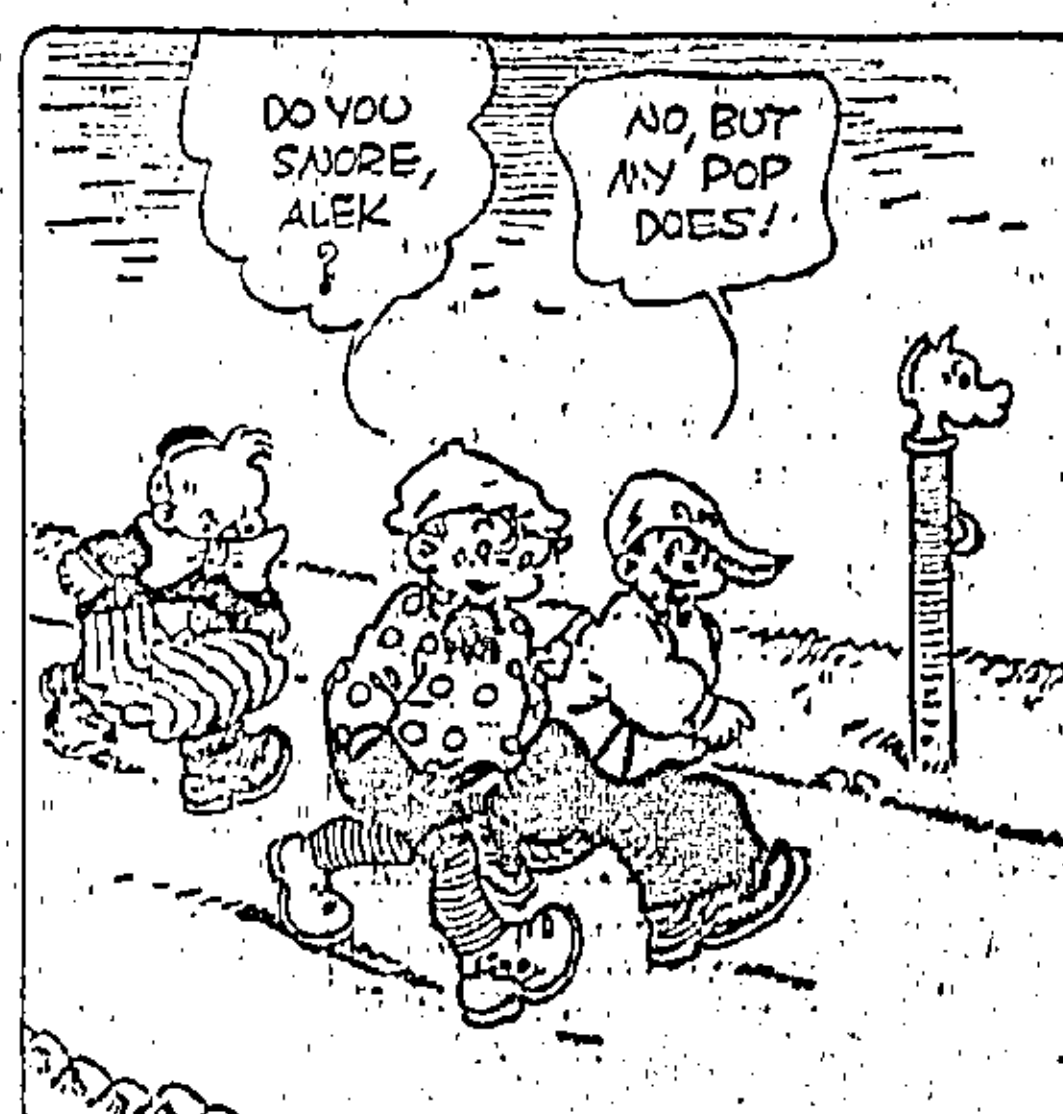
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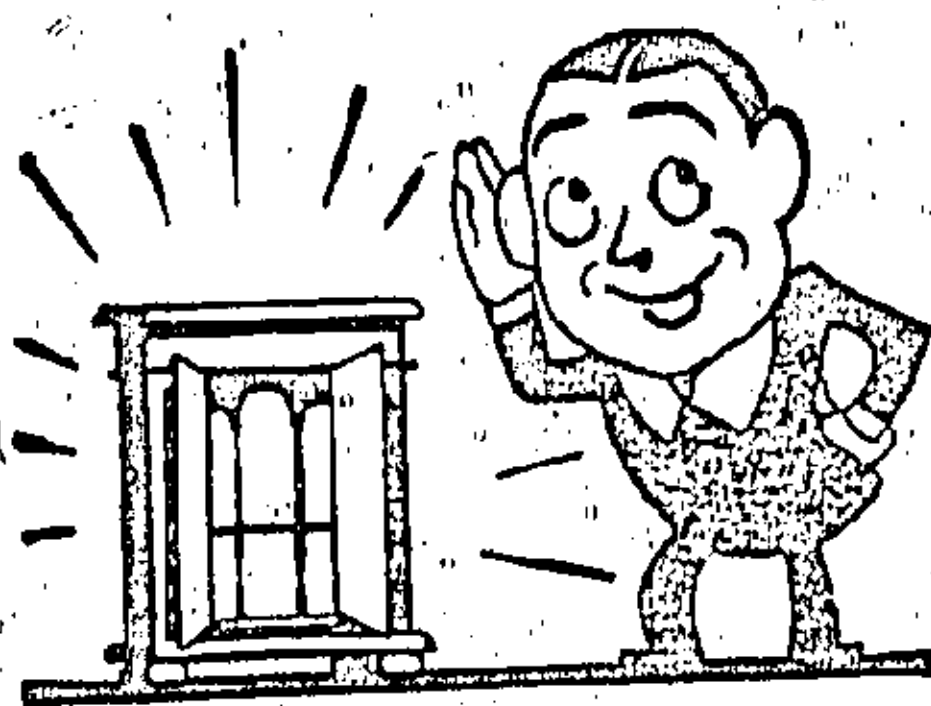
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The family of the late Mr. R. J. dos Remedios tenders sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their bereavement; also for floral tributes and attendance at the funeral.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1927.

THE LATEST PIRACY.

Every fresh piracy in which the notorious Bias Bay gang is concerned serves to make clear the point that these outlaws enjoy the advantages of a highly-developed organisation, the ramifications of which extend over most of the principal ports between Shanghai and Singapore. Usually, it is along the China Coast that the pirates make their appearance, but the case of the Seang Bee, now reported, like that of the Hong Hwa two years ago, indicates that the agents of the gang are prepared to go as far afield as Singapore when there are chances of getting aboard a ship on which they have reason to presume that there are wealthy passengers travelling or which is likely to carry valuable cargo. All this presupposes the existence of a well-organised secret service which materially assists the pirate chieftains in their schemes of plunder.

That is one aspect of the Seang Bee piracy which is worthy of mention, but what the public will most likely want to know is when effective steps are going to be taken to root out the Bias Bay pirates once and for all. It is nothing short of a scandal that here within a stone's throw of British territory there should exist this pirate stronghold, from which for years past operations have been systematically carried out against Chinese and foreign ships, and that nothing whatever is done to scatter the band. Just after the Sunang piracy, there were hopes that at long last the Hongkong and Canton authorities would co-operate in an expedition against these outlaws. Matters even went so far that two British officials went up to Canton to discuss the arrangements, but the authorities there appear to have spurned the idea, preferring, as they said, to do the work themselves. Subsequently, Chinese troops were sent to the locality, but from what we can gather they were far more concerned with

humiliating a General who does not recognise the authority of the Nationalist Government than they were to accomplish the task with which they were supposed to have been entrusted. The pirate region does not seem to have been even visited, and the troops have long since been withdrawn. If this is Canton's conception of pirate-suppression, then we can only say that it leaves very much to be desired. As we understand the situation, the pirates are all congregated in a relatively small area, and the carrying out of operations against them would not be at all a difficult matter. Yet the Canton authorities, with a show of "independence" that does them no credit, refuses to co-operate in a piece of work which would be to the manifest advantage of the Chinese.

Looking through our files for the past few years, we have encountered "almost innumerable instances in which pirate gangs have committed outrages in territory supposed to be under Canton's control. Apart from the Bias Bay pirates, there have been continuous incidents in the Canton delta, on launches and junk plying between Canton and nearby villages, until a state of affairs has been reached in which it is not safe for Chinese to travel even over short distances. This is the kind of thing which is happening in what one might term the veritable birthplace of the Nationalist movement, and it is when we know of facts like these that we begin to see on how slender a basis the Canton claim to the exercise of authority and orderly government rests. So far from being in a position to guarantee protection of life and property to foreigners, the Nationalists cannot even give such assurances to their own people.

Aerial Transport.

Although we out here are scarcely in a position to realise it, there is taking place nothing short of a revolution as regards aerial transport in Britain and Europe. We notice that the Memorandum which the Secretary of State for Air laid before the members of the recent Imperial Conference has been published by H.M. Stationery Office, and that, in the opinion of a writer in the *Manchester Guardian*, it is a document of considerable historical importance. In six years the mileage covered by aeroplane transport services in Northern Europe has been trebled; the world mileage has risen from 1,170,000 miles flown in 1919 to 12,480,000 in 1925. In 1919 the Handley Page of 700 horse-power carried a paying load of 1,250 lb., while to-day the Armstrong-Siddley 1,188-horse-power three-engined Argosy carried 4,400 lb. of paying load. The mileage figure per fatal accident in British aero-transport services has risen from 168,000 miles in 1919-20 to over 1,000,000 miles in 1919 to 1926. In 1925 over 210,000,000 of bullion, and specie were carried by the cross-Channel services. Little is known of the commercial possibilities of the airship in Britain but the report emphasises the value of further research on this type of aircraft and on meteorological problems. A record of past achievements, present activities, and future possibilities, the document provides romance for the layman and valuable information for the technician. Certain it is that if the progress of the development of aerial transport proceeds at the rate of the past few years, the time is not long distant when it will outrival and supercede all other known methods.

Clergymen live long in Britain, but astronomers are giving them a lively race for the laurels. Recent statistics placed the average age for Astronomers Royal at 75-1-2 years. The life span of every Royal Astronomer from John Flamsteed, the first Astronomer Royal, to Sir William Christie, who died in 1910, was included in the figures. Open air life was given as one reason for their longevity.

DAY BY DAY.

A WOMAN CANNOT LOVE A MAN WHO IS TRULY VAIN, FOR THERE IS NO CHANCE IN HIS HEART FOR LOVE TO ENTER, AND FILL UP—
Okakura-Kakuzo.

To-morrow, being Chinese New Year's Day, there will be no issue of the *Telegraph*. We take this opportunity of wishing our Chinese readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Garrison Sergeants' Mess dance will not take place this month.

Members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will congregate at the Chamber on Thursday, February 3 (2nd day of first moon), at 3 p.m. for the exchange of New Year felicitations.

Lieut.-Commander Leon S. Acheson, D.S.C., late in command of the river gunboat Cockchafer, who was wounded early in September during the operations on the Yangtze, has been promoted Commander.

The evening service at St. John's Cathedral, on Sunday, February 27, will be specially for Free Masons. The newly installed District Grand Master of English Freemasonry and the District Grand Lodge will attend, and it is hoped all the Lodges.

A Chinese named Lau Yung has been the victim of a vitriol-throwing incident at Kowloon, the full circumstances of which are not yet known. A man, who was suffering from rather severe burns on the face, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday.

London, Dec. 21.—"Suicide when of unsound mind" was the verdict at the inquest at Swanage on Miss Una Crowe, whom witnesses described as an exceptionally brilliant girl who obtained an honours degree two years before she was entitled to receive it. She was in good health and spirits and very much devoted to her mother with whom she always went out. But she changed when her father died and became depressed and lost interest in things. The finder of her body testified that her legs were tied with pink tape and her face was bruised. The body had possibly been lying in the spot several days before it was discovered. A doctor expressed the opinion that death was not due to drowning but to cardiac syncope by shock following exhaustion due to immersion in water.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per s.s. "President Harrison" from Hongkong on February 1st—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mitchell, Mrs. F. Tomkins, Miss Elsie Tomkins, Miss Hilda Tomkins, Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Huntington, Dr. J. H. Frank, Miss L. G. Bonney, Miss D. W. Fensom, Miss M. R. McVeigh, Miss Lois Withem, Miss J. D. Jones, Miss M. Mcutehoun, Miss C. M. Bartlett, Miss Alice A. Wilcox, Miss R. V. Hemeway, Miss E. I. Holt, Miss E. Stanish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Moise, Mr. L. M. Wilkinson, Mr. H. C. Clasen, Mr. Cuyler P. McMahon, Mr. W. Lythgoe, Mr. Toruchi Ohmya, Mr. F. S. Funderburk, Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Miss E. Seymour, Mrs. C. E. Seymour, Mr. C. R. Love, Mr. M. M. Axelrod, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schaeffer, Mr. J. Ball Schaeffer, Miss Mary Ball Schaeffer, Mrs. H. Cooper, Prof. A. Langner, M.L.L.C., Mr. Buford Long, Miss M. Cooper, Miss B. Cooper, Mrs. J. R. Goodall, Mrs. S. C. Lewis, Miss E. J. K. Rice, Mrs. Yang To Kya, Mr. C. Bonardi, Mrs. G. Bertucci, Mr. A. Bertucci, Mrs. Yang To Kya, Mr. C. Bonardi, Miss R. Bertucci, Miss C. Bertucci, Miss T. Gallardo, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sulle, Miss G. S. Sulle, Mrs. E. Kyle Jackson, Mr. C. Seymour, Master D. Seymour.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 31.
Paris 123.10
Brussels 121.85
Amsterdam 12.14 1/2
Berlin 20.47
Copenhagen 18.21
Vienna 34.39 1/2
Helsingfors 102.5
Lisbon 247/32
Rio 5 1/2
Bombay 1/6 1/16
Hongkong 2/4 1/2
New York 25.21
Milan 119 1/2
Stockholm 18.18
Oslo 18.76
Prague 105 1/4
Madrid 28.97 1/2
Athens 30.62
Buenos Aires 40.15/32
Shanghai 2/3 1/2
Yokohama 2/3 1/2
Silver (spot) 25.9/16
Silver (forward) 27.5/16

THE CONSTANT MIMP.

A PRODUCT OF MECHANICAL PROGRESS.

A lady lately told me that her hairdresser one day asked her if she had seen The Constant Mimp! She made vague mutterings, and he continued, "Now that," he said, "is what I call a proper moral play!" "Indeed," she murmured. "Yes," he said. "All about a young girl that runs away with a fellow, and he gets tired of her, and she poisons herself and dies. Proper moral Piece, I call it!" "What's its name?" she asked. "The Constant Mimp!" said he. Thereupon she came away and communed with Nature on the strangeness of mankind and the singular vagaries of the mind. And when she had done so, she hurried to me and informed me of a great discovery she had made. "What's that?" said I. "This world is full of Mimps," she said. "And what's a Mimp?" I inquired. "An average playgoer!" she replied.

Then she told her story to me, and when she had done so, I shook her warmly by the hand, congratulated her upon her discovery, and thanked her for telling me about it. This world is full of Mimps. They go to the theatre; they see a play performed; immortal souls endeavour on the stage to interpret the work of another immortal soul for them; and these Mimps leave the theatre, knowing no more of what they have seen than that hairdresser knew of "The Constant Nymph." "Are you surprised," said the lady, who is one of the most brilliant comedy actresses in England, "that we sometimes get fed-up when we have to act before audiences of people like that?" "I long ago ceased to be surprised at anything!" I replied.

Comfort vs. Intelligence. But I wonder whether we are right to feel so complacent about the existence of Mimps, who are to be found everywhere and in all classes of society. I am dismayed when I think of the future of mankind in a world of mechanical progress. What is to become of us all if life is made still more convenient than it is and we are put under less compulsion to use our minds than our ancestors were? A better drama than ours flourished in the days when the theatre was thoroughly uncomfortable. In Shakespeare's time, the playgoer had to stand through a long performance in a theatre where he was exposed to the elements, for it had no roof. Rushes were the only comfort for his feet. (Women were not allowed in that theatre, either on the stage or in the auditorium.) He was made to endure much for the drama; and he got a drama worth having.

Our theatre is an upholstered, protected, place. The seats are padded. All that can be done for our comfort and convenience is done. The result is a race of Mimps. The soundest argument I have heard against the booking seats in the pit and gallery is that playgoers in those parts of the theatre will become as dull and easily satisfied and ill-mannered as the playgoers who sit in the stalls. The more luxurious the theatre becomes, the more intelligent become its habitués. The least comfortable theatre in London is the Old Vic. But what an audience it has, and what plays they habitually see performed!

This craving for comfort has resulted in wireless entertainments. The Mimp need not now trouble to go to the theatre at all. He can sit at home by his fireside or even loll in bed and listen to broadcast programmes! Biologists assert that an organ which is not regularly used tends to disappear. I sometimes alarm myself with the frightful thought that the world will one day be inhabited by imbeciles, because mechanical invention has rendered the use of the brain unnecessary. Mankind, completely ga-ga, will sit in the midst of immense machines until gradually the hands and feet, no longer used, disappear, too, and one fine day there will be no more men; the machines will cease to work, and a great Rust will settle down upon the earth!

Stuff and nonsense, you say! I am sure I hope so. But will you explain to me, if you please, why it is that so much mechanical ingenuity should be accompanied by so much intellectual ineptitude? If one were to write down and print the story of the average moving-picture, it would seem too fatuous for the simplest mind. Yet persons, presumably well-educated and educated, will contentedly sit through reels and reels of educated, will contentedly sit through reels and reels because it

The Very Idea!

The teacher had been giving a very graphic account of the reindeer, its habits, and uses. One boy, however, was not paying the slightest attention, so the teacher asked:

"Now, what is the use of the reindeer?"

The startled youth looked up and said: "It makes everything in the garden lovely, teacher."

Out to the famous swimming hole. He always loved to roam. But gosh how he would kick when he was forced to bathe at home.

Some more howlers:— Robinson Crusoe lived a very hard life alone on an island. He did not have hygienic principles to eat.

Lime juice is a test for carbolic acid gas.

The muscles of the boxer's arms stood out like ostrich eggs.

The pheasants of England groaned under the burden of taxation.

Midland witness: She was badly hurt, because her new hat was knocked to pieces.

Policeman at Lambeth, referring to itinerant trader accused of obstruction: Some one gave him the wire that I was coming.

The Rev. T. Hamilton, speaking at a farmers' dinner at Misterton, Notts, warned his hearers to be careful when choosing a wife. "Don't choose one of those wasp-waisted girls," he remarked, "or any of those cigarette, couch-lounging girls, or the piano and jazz type."

"If a girl can eat a good breakfast, some porridge as well as four or five rashers, and do some honest, good, housework, plain sewing, and can feed pigs, then marry her and don't lose her."

An eleven-year-old Streatham schoolboy has perpetrated the following in an essay on "Clergymen":—

"There are three kinds of clergymen, bishops, rectors, and curates. The bishops tell the rectors to work, and the curates have to do it."

"A curat is a thin married man, but when he is a doctor he gets fatter and can preach longer sermons and becomes a good man."

An Austrian alpinist was arrested at Geneva on December 13 after falling on the wrong side of the Austro-Italian frontier. He ascended the San Candido mountain, the Tyrol, alone, and fell over a 30-foot precipice. He was severely injured, and was taken by Italian guides to the hospital at Bozen. As he had no passport, he was informed that he was under arrest. If he had fallen a few yards further north he would have been free. He declared that his visit to Italian territory was quite unintentional.

The idealist does not always talk into the air—The Master of Balliol.

Minors are intelligent, tenacious, and good-humoured.—Bishop of Durham (Dr. Henson).

Regimental associations are a national asset of considerable value.—General Sir Ivor Mansel.

The Prince of Wales attended a dance on December 12th held by the North Lambeth branch of the British Legion in the Princes Hall, Lambeth Baths. When he arrived it was necessary for the committee to force a passage through the crowd of dancers to enable the Prince to reach the platform.

He danced a number of times with Miss Lilla Huckle, at first doing fox-trot steps, but, finding that their steps suited each other, the Prince launched out into the Charleston.

Woman at Shoreditch County Court: However disagreeable it may be, I mean to tell the truth.

is presented to them with great mechanical skill. We sit with ear-phones clamped on our heads while some indifferent orator tells us about the sex life of the newt or the habits of soft-shelled crabs, and marvel one to another about it because we hear it by mechanical agency. But the same lecture, heard in a hall, would send us yawning into the street.

But the Mimps are delighted with their mechanical toys and their jig-saw puzzles. They like to see the wheels go round. But when they go to a theatre and are compelled to use their intelligence, they find, poor souls, that those wheels no longer go round!

—St. John Ervine in *Morning Post*.

MORE ROBBERIES.

ROGUES ON LANTAO.

The report of another armed robbery on Lantau has been made to the Police.

A small house on the top of a peak and used by an elderly Chinese nun, was visited by men on the evening of Thursday last, who knocked at the door and begged for cooked rice. The nun answered him from inside without opening the door, telling him that she had no cooked rice and that he had better try at the Chek Chung Monastery which is not far away. The man persisted and, being joined by two others who had been lying in wait near by, forced open the door. One man was armed with a knife, and they made the nun cower her head with her robe while they ransacked the place. They stole clothing and other property, valued at \$64.

This property was eventually found by the police in the possession of three Chinese who were arrested in connection with an armed robbery. (Previously reported) which took place on the following day at Tung Chung on the same island. The men were also identified by the Chinese nun, and they are now in custody on charges in connection with the two incidents.

HAWKER ROBBED.

A pork hawker, who has a stall at Tai-po, has reported to the police that he was walking near Tin Kok on Friday last when he was joined by a man who walked along with him for some way, and who suddenly attacked him, felling him to the ground with a large stone. The hawker's chopper was taken from his basket and used by the thief to threaten him. The hawker was robbed \$18.50.

The police report that the robber has since been arrested.

OBITUARY.

SIR ROBERT JARDINE.

Rugby, Jan. 31st.
The death is announced of Sir Robert Jardine, head of the great Chinese firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company. Sir Robert died suddenly yesterday.

British Wireless.
Sir Robert William Buchanan Jardine, born in 1858, was the son of the first baronet, Sir Robert Jardine, whose baronetcy was conferred upon him in 1885. In 1906, the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company was converted into a private limited liability company with the baronet as its managing director, and with Messrs. Wm. Keswick, M.P., W. J. Gresson and Henry Keswick as its Managing Directors.

The late Sir Robert, who was educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge, married in 1894 Miss Ethel Mary Piercy, a daughter of the late Benjamin Piercy, of Marchmont Hall, Wrexham. Lady Jardine was a few years ago decorated with the Order of the British Empire. The deceased baronet was well-known in England as a prominent race horse owner, his connection with the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., being confined mostly to the firm's London house.

The successor to the title is John William Jardine, son of the deceased, who is 27 years of age and who, in 1921, married Jean, younger daughter of Lord Ernest Hamilton and granddaughter of the 1st Duke of Abercorn.

TRYING TIMES.

(Continued From Page 1.)

SALUTARY WARNING.

"The Chinese had not thought it possible for the vessel to approach any nearer, as the water was very low. Turning to the crowd, which was also rather non-plussed, the picket shouted, 'The British will fire!' No other warning was needed and in a moment the wharf was clear and nothing remained for the marines to do than hoist us on board the Woodcock." It was good to see a blue-jacket!" she added appreciatively, and then spoke of the kindness of everyone.

"We are now in safety," she said, "but there are many of us left behind. And there are three ladies: Miss Row, Miss Shiyonan and Miss Webber, who are being held as hostages in Kian in Kiang-si."

THE F.M.S. FLOODS.

NATIVES REFUSE TO HELP.

HIGH WAGES ASKED.

Although for the most part the Chinese and Malay residents of the areas affected by the heavy floods did their share in the relief measures inaugurated when the improvement of conditions permitted, instances of their refusing to participate in rescue work, or of holding out for exorbitant payment for doing so, are contained in reports of events subsequent to the floods says the *Singapore Free Press*. Thus, it was stated by Mr. H. Gild, who returned to Singapore from Pahang recently, that it cost as much as seven dollars a gantang to transport 1,131 gantangs of rice from Raub, via Bentan, to Jerantut. Another instance is recorded of a Malay refusing to assist in the rescue of two men who had been carried away on a temporary raft.

RICE TRANSPORT.

Food supplies in Jerantut were controlled by Mr. L. Lawrence, a planter, who after taking stock of the foodstuffs, applied a system of control, which was officially approved by the D. O. at Raub, with whom communication was established by a Bengali watchman who took four days to cover the two places. Rice had to be transported across the Batu Balli River, the bridge over which had been washed away by the flood. In the process a raft on which were a Malay and two Tamils was caught by the current and swept down-stream.

REFUSED TO RESCUE.

Mr. Lawrence, who was in an accompanying sampan, called upon a Malay onlooker to get into the sampan and paddle downstream to their rescue, as he himself was unable to use a dayong, but the Malay, after asking how much he was to receive for the work, finally refused and Mr. Lawrence was compelled to go back by road for a couple of miles to get two Malays from one of the kampongs, who succeeded in rescuing the men an hour later.

CLINGING TO THE ROOFS.

The manager's bungalow and the coolie lines on Jerantut Estate were swept away by the floods, the water rising above the tops of the rubber trees, and those who engaged in relief work had to carry out their difficult operations on improvised rafts, making slow progress by pulling themselves from tree to tree, and thus taking food to coolies isolated on the roofs of floating coolie lines. Malays, it is reported, refused to assist in getting cooked food to the coolies, although they were offered anything in reason for doing so. Taking food to three starving coolies clinging to the roof of a building Mr. Lawrence was unable to take them off for fear of his raft collapsing. He, therefore, built another raft and went back to rescue them, but owing to the lateness of the hour had to spend the night on the roof of another building, and took them off the following day. Forty Tamils and Telegus were rescued and taken to higher ground.

LIVING ON COCONUTS.

Several efforts were made to get through from Pulau Tawah to Jerantut by boat, but it was not possible until January 2, when a quantity of rice was brought back to Tawah and distributed among the refugees, who had been subsisting largely on coconuts.

At Tawah the water rose 20 feet, the flood rising above the roof of the recently built over-crowded quarters, while it was reported that the coolie lines at S. Kan had disappeared and that the mandore at S. Salm had been drowned. The floods have left a considerable quantity of silt and stinking mud in their wake, which in some places is as much as three feet in depth and will, of necessity, take a considerable time to clear away.

A modern jazz orchestra, made up entirely of blind musicians, with a blind leader, recently was organized under the auspices of the New York Association for the Blind. All instruction is vocal, the players being taught by hearing the piece played on the piano first. The musicians' memories are highly trained.

MANSION AS A CLUB.

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH'S WEDDING GIFT.

Negotiations are in progress for the sale of Sunderland House, the great Mayfair mansion which the late W. K. Vanderbilt gave as a wedding gift to his daughter Consuelo, on her marriage to the Duke of Marlborough.

The *Evening News* understands that the syndicate intends to convert the house into a club, adding another story as bedrooms for members.

The club will probably be the Junior Automobile Club, which is in progress of formation.

Sunderland House cost £500,000 to build and the purchase price under the present negotiations is said to be between £70,000 and £80,000.

Mme. Balsan, who is disposing of the house, left it as the Duchess of Marlborough and went back to it as the wife of the French Colonel Jacques Balsan. She then announced that it was her intention to drop her title and that she desired to be known as Mme. Balsan.

When an *Evening News* representative called at Sunderland House he found only servants there.

Sunderland House would make a magnificent club house (the writer), with its 50 spacious rooms and fine noble halls and staircases.

I found the great ballroom, with its lavish decoration in gold and its enormous crystal chandeliers, spotless and bright with the sun picking out old corners and the pillars beautifully carved and extravagantly gilded.

During the war this was used by the Office of Works and later was occupied by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

The hall is 30 feet high, and has marble columns and panelling.

Many West-End mansions have been converted for club purposes in the last year or two, including Lord Ridley's old house in Carlton House-terrace, Lord Oxford and Asquith's former house in Cavendish-square, and Lord Leconfield's house.

Dartmouth House, Charles-street, has been acquired recently as a home for the English-speaking Union. Recently the *Evening News* announced that Earl Spencer had leased Spencer House to the Ladies' Army and Navy Club, and the Harrington House, off Whitehall, had been purchased by the Government and was to be a telephone exchange.

GAS FROM THE PITHEAD.

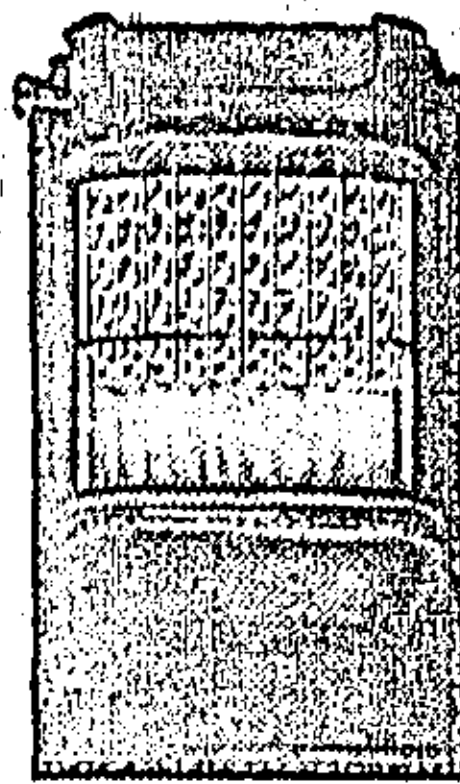
BRESLAU THE FIRST TOWN TO BE SUPPLIED.

Berlin, December 16.—A project by means of which German cities will be supplied by gas from the pithead instead of from the local gasworks is approaching materialization. German heavy industry has always understood the art of making the State help to pay for costly experiments which are obviously likely to benefit the community in the end. This time work is to be found for Germany's unemployed by constructing the plant and conduit pipes to feed the city's gas supply. It is perfectly natural to suppose that the municipal gasworks themselves are not interested in a project likely to make them superfluous in a future possibly not so far ahead. There are definite risks about the new undertaking which will not be discovered until costly experiments have been undertaken.

The mine-owners are unanimous in their opinion that this centralization of gas production will result in a cost price of four pence per cubic meter, about one halfpenny, in contrast to the present cost price of nine pence (about one penny). There has hitherto been no mention of the cost of transport through the conduit pipes, so that an exact calculation of the advantages gained is not possible. The mine-owners are asking from the Reich, or from the Prussian State, a subsidy of 35 million marks. This sum is to be regarded as being used instead of an unemployment dole.

Most probably the first city to be supplied with gas direct from the mine will be Breslau, in Silesia, from pipes leading from a central station at Waldenburg in the Silesian mining district. The towns of Gortitz and Kottbus, together with others in the district, will then be joined to the same network of pipes.

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On Thursday, the 3rd February there will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G. P. O. at 9 a.m.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan and Shanghai	D'Arnyman	February 1.
Shanghai	Sinking	February 1.
Shanghai	Luchow	February 1.
Saigon	Angkor	February 2.
Straits	Patrolus	February 2.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	February 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai	President Taft	February 3.
U.S.A. and Europe via Siberia	Morea	February 4.
Shanghai	Nellore	February 4.
Straits		
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers)		
London 5th Jan. and Parcels 30th Dec. (1926).		
Australia and Manila	Manila	February 4.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Tanda	February 7.
Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	February 7.
	Sarpedon	February 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Van Heutz	Tues, Feb. 1, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Atlas Maru	Tues, Feb. 1, 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Angkor	Tues, Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Tues, Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Hanoi	Tues, Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
	Talamba	Tues, Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Wed, Feb. 2, 5 p.m.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Taiwan Maru	Fri, Feb. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjitaroom	Fri, Feb. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Patrolus	Fri, Feb. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Pres. Jackson	Fri, Feb. 4.
	Parcels	noon
	Registration	2.45 p.m.
	Letters	3.30 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., 24th February.)	
Manila	Pres. Taft	Fri, Feb. 4, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Manila	Fri, Feb. 4, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Achilles	Fri, Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	4th, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Sat, Feb. 5.
	Letters	9.45 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 4th March.)	
Straits and Calcutta	Foolscrag	Mon, Feb. 7.
	Registration	noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Saigon	Ninghai	Fri, Sat, 5, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Sat, Feb. 5, Noon.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat, Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Katjo Maru	Sun, Feb. 6, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Loksun	Sun, Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Haiching	Tues, Feb. 7, Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Pres. McKinley	Tues, Feb. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Kwangsang	Tues, Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Straits and Haiphong	Taan	Wed, Feb. 9, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Wed, Feb. 9.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 9th March.)	

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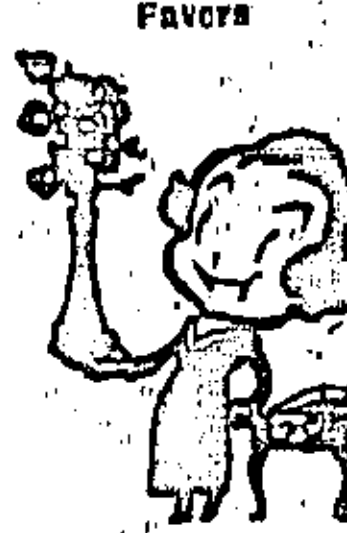
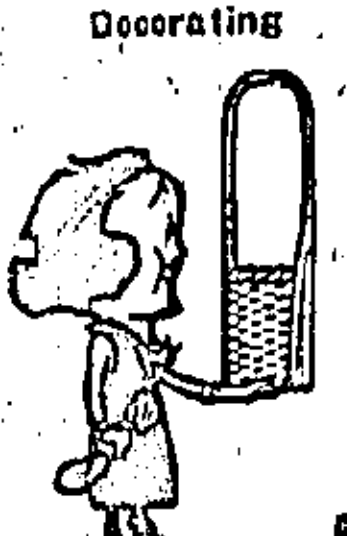
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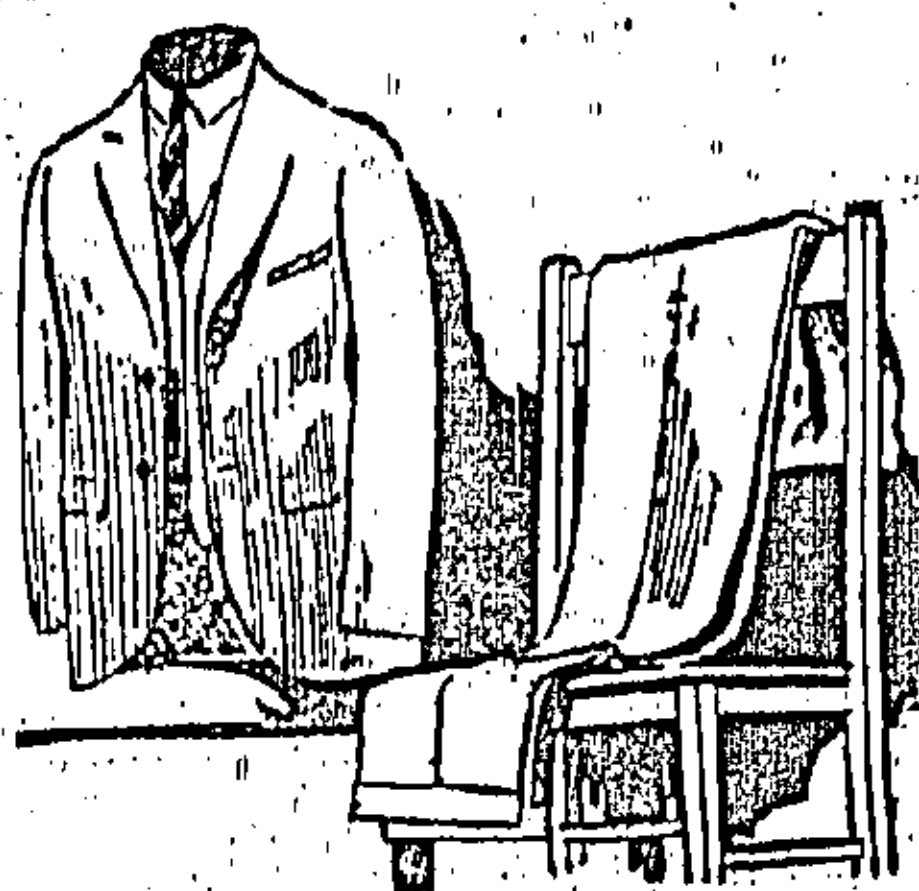
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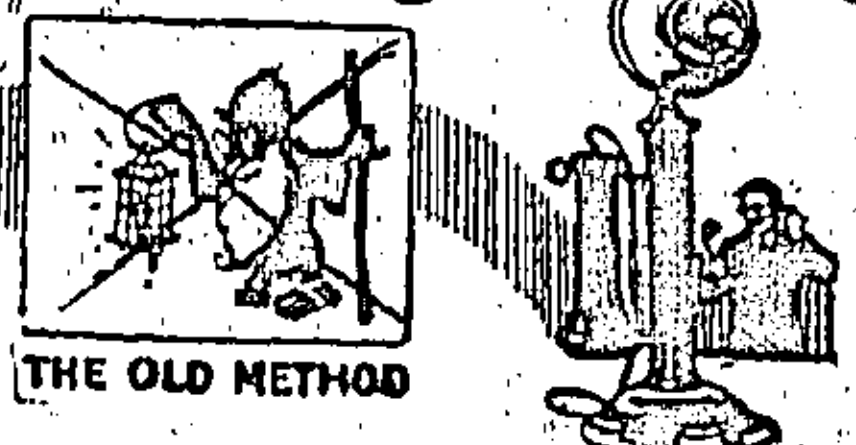
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BRITISH POLICY.

UNANIMOUS PRESS APPROVAL

London, Jan. 31. Fleet Street had the week-end to assimilate Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech, and to-day expresses itself with extraordinarily unanimous approbation.

The *Morning Post* says this lucid, straightforward explanation of policy leaves not a particle of excuse for further misrepresentations either at home or abroad. The *Times* extensively quotes the published opinions of representative politicians, all parties showing essential agreement with the Government's policy; and adds that even in Sir Austen Chamberlain's bare outline the British proposals are clearly far-reaching and extraordinarily generous, too generous perhaps to satisfy the hardy-rioted British community, whose enterprise and example have been of infinite value to China in the past. They will require very careful examination in details, but at present the obvious fact is that the Government is not leaving a stone unturned in a search for what Sir Austen hopefully describes as a permanent basis of mutual respect and good feeling.

The *Daily Telegraph* is satisfied, but wishes Sir Austen Chamberlain had given a more detailed account of the sort of arrangement contemplated in the administration of the Concessions. It assumes, there will be no departure from the principle that the maintenance of order and safeguarding of property must in all cases be effectively guaranteed for the areas in which British interests are centred. The announcement of far-reaching proposals for a change in the position of British residents in China is accompanied by a substantially plain-spoken statement of Britain's attitude towards anti-British agitation fostered by one of the Chinese Governments, to which these offers of readjustment are made.

The *Daily Express*'s only criticism is that Sir Austen Chamberlain would have been well-advised to make his welcome speech earlier.

Liberal Commendation.

The Liberal journals in power withhold their warm praise.

The *Daily Chronicle* remarks on the essential need for unity of all parties, and agrees on the necessity for safeguarding British lives and property at Shanghai, but intimates a reminder that the enemies of British trading interests in China—and they are not confined to the Russians—are anxious to embroil us in an armed conflict with the Chinese, which will undo the efforts of good diplomacy, but the paper is convinced Sir Austen is most anxious to avoid such a result.

The *Daily News* says Sir Austen Chamberlain's conciliatory and restrained speech offers the Cantonese and China at large, a priceless opportunity to negotiate a peaceful and profitable settlement. Sir Austen has the satisfaction of knowing that his diplomatic policy is unqualifiedly supported both by the opposition parties as well as by the general body of British public opinion.

The *Westminster Gazette* says this is more than a half-way house and leaves the door open for a very full and final revision when there is a stable government, or governments, to represent the Chinese nation, beyond the present *de facto* stage. It notes that Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George are in the same temper as Sir Austen Chamberlain, and so long as Sir Austen is allowed thus to commit the Government step by step, it is difficult to justify the charge that there is a war party behind the scenes.

The *Manchester Guardian* says, "If Mr. Chen shows the same degree of political courage on one side as Sir Austen Chamberlain has shown on the other; if Mr. Chen be willing to ignore the noisy extremists who insist on expelling the foreigner bag and baggage, and really seeks a practicable and honourable settlement; he will certainly find one within the British Government's proposals, and so prevent the necessity for disembarking the defence force now on the way to Shanghai." It concludes by pointing out Sir Austen offers the Cantonese the main substance of sovereignty and independence, and withholds nothing which the Chinese could not be certain of winning peacefully very soon if they make the best of what they can now have for the asking.—*Reuter*.

Washington, Jan. 31. The *Washington Post* has made the only comment hitherto available upon Sir Austen Chamberlain's pronouncement. It says that no American will begrudge Britain the credit that goes with a good deed cheerfully performed.—*Reuter's American Service*.

THE PIRACY EVIL.

OFFICIAL FIGURES OF SEIZURES SINCE 1921.

The following are the official figures of piracies committed since 1921, with the approximate value of goods and property taken by the freebooters. It will be seen from the list that the pirate band of Bias Bay have made away with approximately half a million of dollars from deep water vessels, leaving out from the total a number of those from which exact figures were not ascertainable.

The toll on junk trade is proportionately heavy and it will be seen that in the past twelve months, these small traders have been mulcted in jewellery, money and property of sums, counting the cases in which no figure has been returned of nearly a lakh of dollars. These outrages have almost all been committed in Chinese waters.

Many lives have been lost and a large number of persons kidnapped, for whom in many cases a ransom has been forthcoming, to add to the total, of profit exacted by the maritime highwaymen.

Bias Bay Affairs.

1921.
January 21. Steam Launch Kung Hong. Booty, \$22,000.
December 15. Kwong Lee (China Merchants). Booty, \$120,000. One Chinese passenger shot.
December 12. Steam Launch Wah Sun. Booty, \$21,000.

1922.
April 22. Steam Launch Wah Sun. Booty, unspecified.
November 11. Sui An (H.K. and M.S.B. Co.). Booty \$34,000. Two Indian guards killed; Captain, two guards and two passengers wounded.

1923.
October 23. Sunning (Shiu Hing S.C. Co.). Booty, \$20,000. Captain, Chief Officer, and one Indian guard wounded.
December 27. Hydrangea. Booty, \$23,369 and cargo valued at \$10,000.

1924.
October 3. Ning Shin. Booty, specie valued at \$97,000 and cargo. Quartermaster killed and one sailor wounded.

1925.
January 25. Hong Hwa (Ho Hong S.S. Co.) Booty, \$53,000.

1926.
February 8. Jade (Shun Cheung S.S. Co.) Booty, \$82,900.
March 25. Hsin Kong. (China Merchants) No details.
March 6. Steam Launch Tai Yau. No details.
July 13. Kwang Lee (China Merchants) No details.
August 21. Sandviken (Norwegian) No details.
October 1. Hsin Fung. No details.
November 11. Sunning. (Recaptured).

Junks Victimized.

Figures of junks pirated are available for one year. The piracy of junks shows increasing figures entirely discreditable to the Canton authorities, and for the current month there is a record of four occurrences, with a total of booty amounting to \$4,000 for three vessels, the fourth having made no return. Figures follow:

1926.
January 28. Fishing Boat. Booty, \$501.50.
February 2. Fishing Boat. Booty, \$18.00.
March 1. Cargo Boat. Booty unspecified. Master killed; one passenger and two crew wounded.
March 3. Cargo Junk. Booty, \$800, 11 kidnapped.
March 3. Cargo Junk. Booty, \$2,500, 14 kidnapped.
March 4. Fishing Boat. Booty, \$200. One male kidnapped.
March 12. Fishing Boat. Booty, \$260.

March 24. Trading Junk. Booty, \$348. Two women and one of crew wounded.

April 20. Trading Junk. Booty, \$1,724. One of crew wounded.

May 3. Trading Junk. Booty, \$660. One man kidnapped.

May 15. Trading Junk. Booty, \$540.

May 16. Cargo Boat. Booty, \$240. One man kidnapped. One woman wounded.

May 19. Trading Junk. Booty, \$753.

May 20. Trading Junk. Booty, \$3,000. One woman and five men kidnapped.

May 31. Fishing Boat. Booty, \$70 (Recovered).

June 20. Cargo Boat. Booty, \$250.

July 14. Cargo Boat. Booty, \$145.
August 9. Trading Junk. Booty unspecified. Three men kidnapped.
August 26. Trading Junk. Booty, \$230.
September 3. Trading Junk. Booty unspecified. One male kidnapped.
September 8. Trading Junk. Booty, \$30.

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September 12. Fishing Boat. Booty, \$235.	December 10. Trading Junk. Booty, \$1,530. Four males and two females kidnapped.
September 25. Customs Launch. Booty unspecified. One European killed?	1927. January 1. Trading Junk Booty, \$1,275.
September 30. Fishing Boat. Booty, \$100. One man kidnapped.	January 17. Fishing Junk. Booty, \$885. One male kidnapped.
October 26. Trading Junk. Booty, \$5,300. Six males and six females kidnapped.	January 11. Trading Junk. Booty, \$1,985. Seven males and one female kidnapped.
October 28. Trading Junk. Booty, \$17,000. One male kidnapped.	January 12. Cargo Boat. Booty unspecified.
November 16. Trading Junk. Booty, \$3,654. One male kidnapped.	
November 18. Trading Junk. Booty, \$5,835. Eight males kidnapped.	

During the Chinese New Year holidays, the Dispensing department of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2 and 3. All other departments will be closed on these two days.

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NELLORE	6,853	2nd Mar.	S'pore, Pang C'bo & B'bay
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SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
TANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
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	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
MANTUA	10,902	4 Feb. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	4 Feb. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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"GLENIFFER" (via Oran)	23rd February	15th February
Motor Vessel "GLENUGLE"	9th March	18th March
Motor Vessel "GLENAGARRY"	6th April	19th April
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	4th May	

SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOK.

Motor Vessel	DUE HONGKONG
"GLENAMOY" (Via Moji)	8th February
Motor Vessel "GLENAGARRY"	17th February
Motor Vessel "GLENAPP"	3rd March
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	20th March
Steamship "CARMARTHENSHIRE"	31st March

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Sailings from Hongkong: Daily, at 8 a.m. Sunday
Sailings from Canton: Daily, at 8 a.m. (No Sailings.
s.s. "TAISHAN" will leave for Canton on

	31st Jan.	1st Feb.	4th Feb.	5th Feb.
Monday				
Tuesday				
Friday				
Saturday				

at 2 a.m. and from Canton at 3 p.m. same day.
SUNDAY EXCURSION.
On Sunday 6th February s.s. "SUI AN" will depart from Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 A.M. and from Macao at 3.30 P.M.

CURTAILED SAILINGS. (Chinese New Year's Day.)
2nd February—No sailings to or from Macao.
(Chinese New Year's Day.)
3rd February—To Macao—8 a.m. only. From Macao—2 p.m. only.
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**SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.**

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"KOREA MARU" (Calle Keelung) Sunday, 6th Feb. at noon.
"SHINYO MARU" Tuesday, 22nd Feb.
"SIBERIA MARU" (Calle Keelung) Sunday, 6th Mar.
Calle Los Angeles
SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles Mexico & Panama
"GINYO MARU" Saturday, 26th Feb. at noon.
"ANYO MARU" Tuesday, 3rd Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.
"HAKOZAKI MARU" Saturday, 12th Feb. at 11 a.m.
"HAKUSAN MARU" Saturday, 26th Feb. at 11 a.m.
"KITANUO MARU" Saturday, 12th Mar.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
"MISHIMA MARU" Wednesday, 23rd Feb. at 11 a.m.
"TANGO MARU" Wednesday, 23rd Mar.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA
"TATSUNO MARU" Wednesday, 9th Feb.
"CALCUTTA MARU" Monday 21st Feb.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
"TAJIMA MARU" (Calle Glasgow) Saturday, 5th Feb.
Buenos Aires via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.
"KAMAKURA MARU" Saturday, 5th Feb.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
"AWA MARU" Thursday, 10th Feb.
"SEIYO MARU" Tuesday, 22nd Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
"NAGATO MARU" Tuesday, 8th Feb.
"OSAKA MARU" Friday, 18th Feb.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
"TANGO MARU" Friday, 19th Feb.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
"NAGANO MARU" (Moji direct) Friday, 4th Feb.
"LIMA MARU" (Calle Moji) Friday, 4th Feb.
"HARUNA MARU" Monday, 7th Feb.
"KAMO MARU" Tuesday, 22nd Feb.
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S.S. "YALOU" 15th March.

S.S. "CAPT. FAURE" due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON, HAVRE about the 21st February.
SERVICES CONTRACTUELS (Mail service)

Steamers	Sailings from Marseilles	Arr. at Hongkong & sailing for Shanghai & Japan	Sailings from Hongkong for Marseilles
D'ARTAGNAN	11th Feb	1st Feb	15th Feb
SPHINX		2nd Feb	1st Mar
ANGKOR		16th Feb	15th Mar
PORTHOS		2nd Mar	29th Mar
PAUL LEOAT		16th Mar	12th Apr
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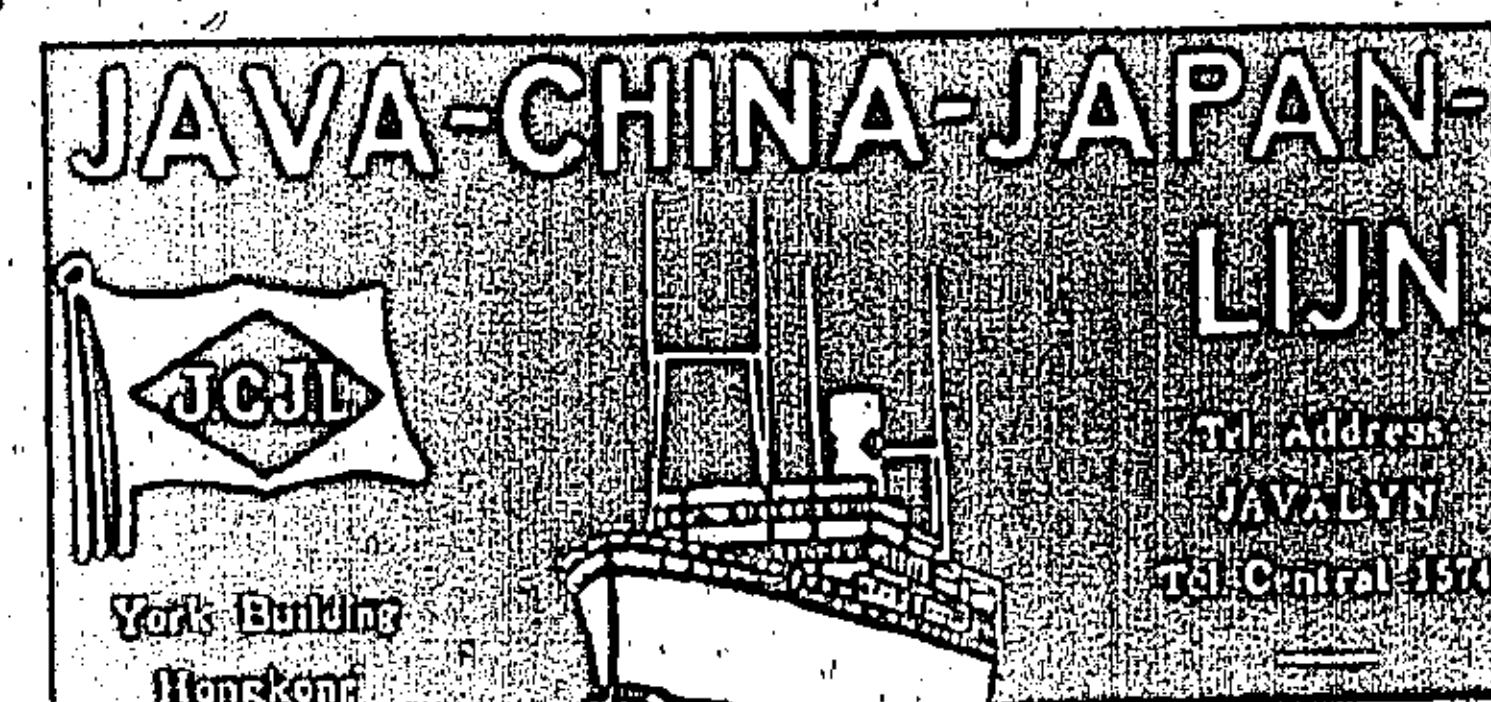
S.S. "PELUSUS" via Suez Canal 25th Feb.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL" via Suez Canal 5th Mar.
S.S. "ATREUS" via Suez Canal 25th Mar.
S.S. "TEUCER" via Suez Canal 8th Apr.

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Steamers	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjikini	Java Mosr	1st Feb.	3rd Feb.	North China
Tjikarom	N. China	2nd Feb.	4th Feb.	Batavia
Tjikarang	Batavia	5th Feb.	10th Feb.	Shanghai
Tjikembang	Shanghai	7th Feb.	10th Feb.	Batavia
Tjipanas	Java	13th Feb.	16th Feb.	Saigon, Batavia
Tibesar	Japan	15th Feb.	16th Feb.	Batavia
Tjileboet	N. China	16th Feb.	18th Feb.	M'kear & Java
Tjikini	N. China	2nd Mar.	4th Mar.	Batavia

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M.S. "Annam" 23th February

M.S. "Asia" 11th March

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Good remaining undelivered after the 7th February, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 21st February, 1927, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th February, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by,

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Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1927.



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EGYPTIAN COTTON.

RESTRICTION DECLARED UNJUSTIFIED.

Cairo, Jan. 31.

Interviewed by Reuter, Mr. William Howarth, a very large user of Egyptian cotton, and Vice President of the British Master Cotton Spinners Federation, said that the master cotton spinners considered the proposed restriction of the cultivated area justified if it were solely intended to raise the price level. It was unwise since Egypt's interests were best served by producing as much cotton as possible at an economic price. He declared that sakellaridis from the state domains was just as good as manrad cotton, of which only 16,000 bales were producible in 1927. It was better for yarn but not as good as sakellaridis for twist purposes. Egypt could and must get back to her original quality, sakellaridis and must discontinue mixing pillon with the seed.

COMPANY REPORT.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31, for presentation to shareholders at the annual ordinary general meeting of Humphreys Estates to be held at the Hongkong Hotel at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 12th February states:

The Net Profit for the period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including £98,729.14 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$269,970.96

Which the Directors recommend should be appointed as follows:

Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share \$120,000.00

Pay a Bonus of 20 cents per share \$30,000.00

Transfer to Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund \$11,042.64

Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account \$13,612.00

And Carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account \$95,415.32

\$269,970.96

Directors.—In accordance with Clause 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Fokandson, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Mr. J. M. Alves retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis offer themselves for re-election.

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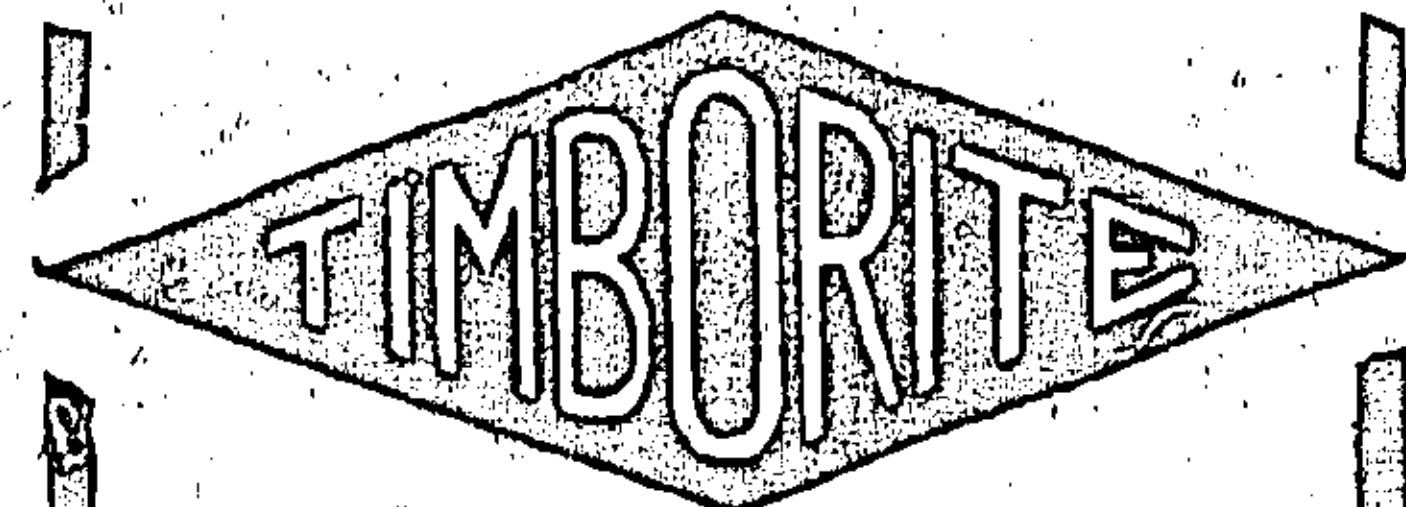
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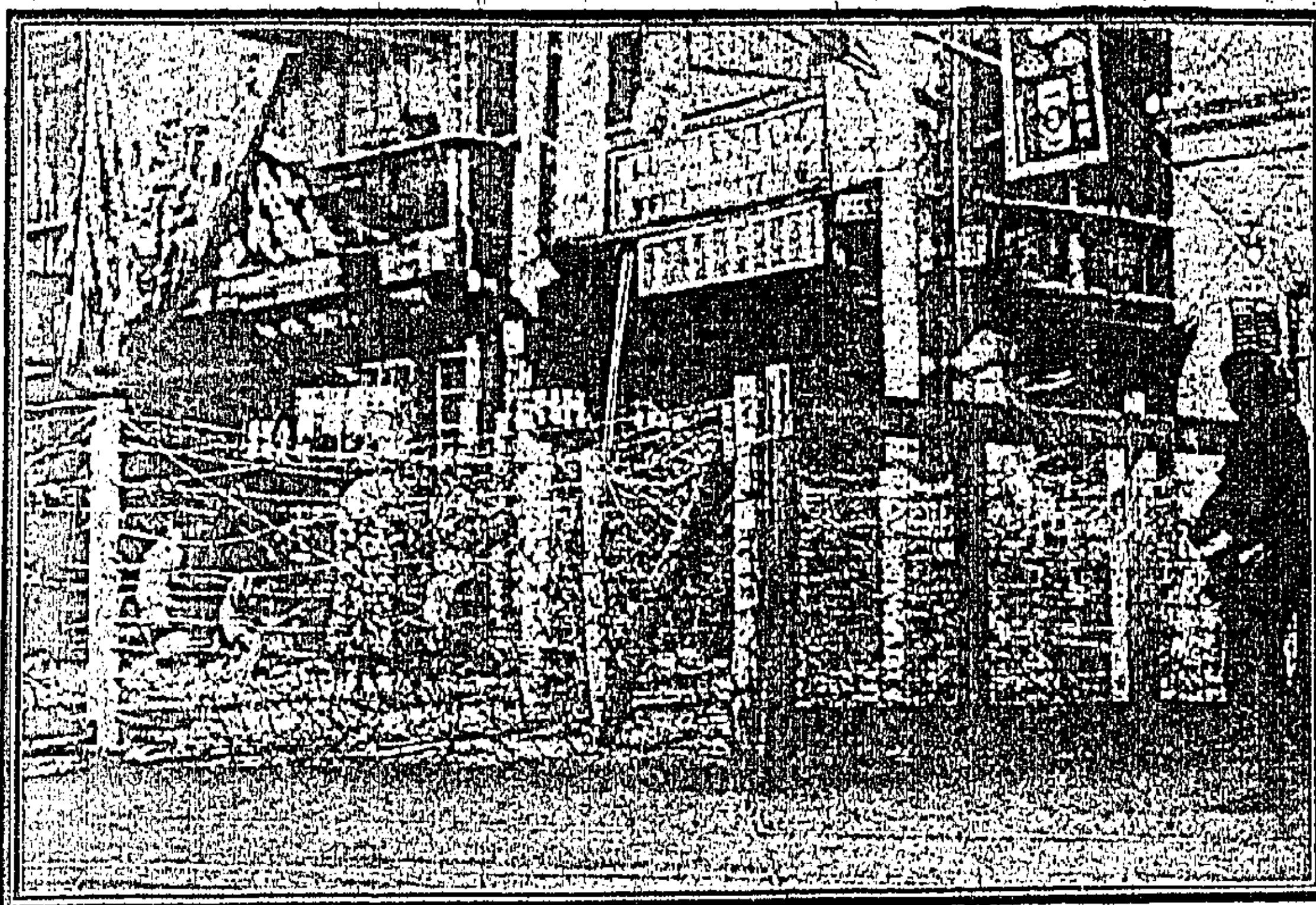
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SHANGHAI READY FOR EMERGENCIES.



At Shanghai, barbed wire has been erected at the junction of Avenue Edward VII and
all roads running north. Our picture shows one of the sections.

MORE SHIPS
COMMANDEERED.

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played in the South. The evening
as well as the morning Press re-
gard the proposals outlined in the
Foreign Secretary's speech as con-
structive and far-reaching. The
Evening Standard considers the
British policy has "the clarity
distinguishing all policies based
on common sense and an apprecia-
tion of facts." It adds:—"Mr.
Chen claims the revision of
Treaties, to which he cannot be
entitled unless the Chinese Govern-
ment is at least in its own
sphere effective and unless it can
trust itself and be trusted to keep
its own people under control and
to prevent them from acts of
violence against foreigners. The
question as to whether this is so,
is the immediate crux of the
negotiations, for any doubt upon
it would make such concessions as
are proposed instantly unsafe. It
is also a vital factor in the
formulation of a policy of wider
extent."—British Wireless.

SPAIN'S ATTITUDE.

WHY CRUISER IS COMING.

Madrid, Jan. 31.
In a statement on China General
Primo de Rivera said, that it was
unnecessary to dwell on Spain's at-
titude of absolute neutrality as re-
gards the warring Chinese fac-
tions.

The cruiser Don Blasquez had
been despatched, firstly, in case
Spaniards required protection;
secondly, in order that the Spanish
flag should be represented along-
side those already in Chinese
waters; and, thirdly, because the
cruiser may go to Japan to return
the recent visit of a Japanese
squadron to Spain.—Reuter.

OTHER ITEMS.

HANKOW CHINESE DEMANDS.

Hankow, Jan. 24.

A letter has been received by
the British Chamber of Commerce
in Hankow from the Chinese Cham-
ber demanding compensation for
Chinese merchants to cover losses
sustained as a result of the sus-
pension of service by British mer-
chant steamers, which brought
Chinese business to a standstill.
Kuo Wen.

NOT TO SEND TROOPS.

Tokyo, Jan. 24.

Though the closeness of Anglo-
Japanese co-operation is indicated
by Sir John Tilley, the British
Ambassador, visiting the Foreign
Office almost every day for the
purpose of exchanging views and
information on the Chinese situa-
tion with Baron Saitohara, the
Foreign Minister, it is learned that
the Japanese Government has no
intention of following Britain's
example by sending land forces to
China at present, as it considers
naval landing parties able to cope
with any circumstances that may
be likely to arise there in the near
future.

Japanese official opinion appears
to be hopeful that the contending
factions in China will compromise
shortly, also that the Chinese au-
thorities and foreign Powers will
patch up their differences with-
out resorting to force.—Reuter.

Berlin.—The first railroad in
Germany, built 91 years ago, from
Nuremberg to Fureth, Bavaria,
six miles, was sold as junk recent-
ly.

THE SPRINGS OF
HUNGARY.DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH
RESORTS.

Budapest, December 13.—There
is every probability that within a
few years Hungary will become a
health resort centre. The natural
mineral springs all over the coun-
try have been left unexploited up
to the present, but since the re-
establishment of the country's
finances offers of loans from
foreign financial groups continue
to pour in.

During his election tour Count
Bethlen visited the town of Szob-
szlo, near Debrecen, and re-
ceived from the mayor a report
about the possibility of utilizing
the hot springs there. An English
financial group has recently offer-
ed to invest 80 milliard crowns in
developing the town as a watering-
place. This group desires not only
to build a thermal establishment
and hotels, but to erect a station
where the salts will be extracted
from the water and prepared for
export, as at Karlsbad, Ems, etc.
Count Bethlen has promised to
visit Szobeszlo after the elections,
and will himself investigate the
springs, as he has gained con-
siderable experience in the com-
position of earth gases in Trans-
sylvania.

The Society for the development
of Budapest as a watering-place
has decided to erect the pavilion
of the International Balmecological
Exhibition (which will be opened
in 1928) on the top of Mount Gel-
bert—a rock on the Buda bank of
the Danube—and plans have al-
ready been received from English,
German, and American firms as
well as from the Hungarian archi-
tects. The city will furnish sixty
milliard crowns for the construc-
tion of the exhibition buildings,
and a funicular railway capable of
transporting 1,600 persons an hour
will be put up. Seven States, up
to the present, have signified their
intention of taking part.

The Jurer's List for 1927 has
been posted at the Law Courts, and
notice of any proposed amendment
must be given to the Registrar be-
fore the 15th instant.

The last of the horses of the
Morecambe tram cars were sold
at auction recently. The tram
cars stopped running a few weeks
ago and have been replaced by
motor buses. Many of the cars
will be sold as garden shelters and
greenhouses.



Some beauty that's skin
deep is knee high.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1.105 n.
Chartered Bank, \$2.1 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$3.2 n.
Mercantile C., \$1.35 n.
P. and O., \$2.1 b.
East Asia, \$84 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$655 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.25 a.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Union Ins., \$284 b.
Yantai Ins., \$43 n.

Fire Ins.

China Fire, \$200 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$615 b.

Shipping

Douglases, \$30 b.
Steamboats, \$23 s.
Tugs, \$1.10 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., \$3 s.
Star Forries, \$542 X, Div. b.
Waterboats, \$131 X, Div.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$22 s.
Malabons, \$34 sa.

Mining.

Benguets, \$1.30 n.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 25 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 50 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 800 n.
Raubs, 44 n.
Tronohs, 21/- b.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$111 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$40 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 165 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 5 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 105 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.10 b.
H.K. Lands, \$57 b.
Realtys, 45 n.
Territorials, \$2 s.
Humphreys, \$14 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

Cottons.

Erwos Cottons, Tls. 9 s.
Orientals, Tls. 21 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 n.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, Tls. 9 b.
Tramways, \$31.80 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$151 b.
Spore Traction, 13/- s.
Taxis, \$1 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$17.10 b.
Canton Ices, \$5 n.
Cornets (Comb.) \$9 s.
China Lights, \$144 b.
China Prov., \$43 s.
Constructions, \$2 b.
Dairy Farms, \$181 n.
Dar A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$35 b.
Macao Electric, \$39 n.
Ropes (Old) \$10 s.
Lano Crawford, \$8 n.
Macintosh, \$191 n.
Sincoros, \$9 s.
United Ambroses, \$20 n.
Watsons, \$12 b.
Powells, \$6 n.

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CATHEDRAL MEETING.

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There is one other point I wish
to refer to, and that is the use of
chits for collection. The chit sys-
tem is very convenient and I can
cope with the chits of regular at-
tendants. It is another matter
sorting out the many unfamiliar
signatures which crop up after a
crowded service such as Armistice
Day or Christmas Day. On such
occasions I am inclined to think
that chits should be barred. If
that sounds too drastic then I sug-
gest that those who only attend at
the Cathedral on occasions few and
far between, should put in a chit
for a really substantial sum and
give a legible signature and a full
address. I have in my office a few
undecipherable signatures with no
address, and I have had chits which
have had to be collected through
the post, and I may remark that
these amounts are in no case
more than \$1. I should like,
therefore, to appeal beyond this
meeting for a little reflection as
to the trouble that can be caused
through the misuse of a system
designed for the convenience of
regular church goers, and not for
casual attendants.

Pew Rents.

In bringing up the subject of
the abolition of pew rents, the
chairman said that in 1920 the
same subject was discussed. The
proposal before the meeting was
that all seats be free. At that time
the seats were reserved at both the
morning and evening services.
After some considerable discussion
a compromise was arrived at and
it was decided that the seats should
be reserved until the bell stopped
at 11 a.m. and that they should
be entirely free at the evening
service.

It was thought that they could
not be abolished on account of
financial loss. The financial posi-
tion of the Church at that time
was uncertain and it was resolved
that the matter should be brought
up at a later date after it was seen
how the Chater endowment was
working.

The Church body now thought it
was advisable to bring up the sub-
ject again. Cards were sent to
subscribers to either vote for or
against the proposal and 29 voted
for the abolition of pew rents
while 23 were against the motion.
The chairman thought that in
view of such a small majority, the
subject should not be rushed nor

drastic steps taken. The question
was then thrown open to discus-
sion.

Members' Views.

Sir Henry Pollock put for-
ward the suggestion that while
the pew rents should not
be abolished altogether, seats
should only be reserved until
seven minutes, to eleven in the
morning and from then to leave
them unreserved. He agreed with
the chairman that such an im-
portant question should not be
rushed.

Mr. T. H. King asked the chair-
man what effect the abolition of
the pew rents at the evening ser-
vices had had.

The chairman said that there
was a better attendance at
certainly the front rows of the
Church were occupied, though the
Diocesan Boys' School attended
the services.

Mr. King proposed the abolition
of the pew rents. The attend-
ance present at the meeting he
said did not show that those in
opposition to the resolution were
very enthusiastic about it.

Mr. King pointed out the man-
ner in which St. Andrew's Church
held a Thanksgiving Sunday to
raise the funds lost on the aboli-
tion of pew rents. He said that
the Cathedral should do likewise.

Mr. Cassidy said that in view
of the attendance he thought it
advisable to leave the matter to
the incoming Church Body. He
said that in 1916 when pew rents
were first instituted, the sum of
\$3,100 was realised but that was
steadily decreasing. It was
\$2,500 this year, of which \$900
came from firms, and it would be a
question if the firms would in-
crease their donations, instead of
paying the pew rent.

He thought that there were
some people who would like to
have their own seats and he
thought they should be considered.
In view of their not signifying
their disapproval however, he was
of the opinion that the matter
be left to the Church Body and
when a decision had been arrived
at, they should be notified that the
seats would be abolished at a
certain date.

Mr. Cassidy proposed that the
matter be left to the committee
and the motion was carried.

The following officers were
elected on the Church Body,
Messrs. P. S. Cassidy, T. H. King,
J. A. E. Bullock, T. G. Neal, W. L.
Pattenden and Col. Hayley Bell.